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PRICE MOVEMENTS, JANUARY, 1942

WHOLESALE: Reflecting strength in the index for five food commodities the weekly composite series of 30 industrial material prices advanced from 91.8 to 92.6 between the weeks of December 26 and January 30. The advance in the food series from 80.7 to 84.6 in the same interval was due to higher quotations for wheat, oats, steers and hogs. An index for eighteen sensitive price series composed of five foods and thirteen manufacturing materials gained 1.1 points to 81.5 during the month, though the latter series remained unchanged at 80.4. The index for 12 stable commodities also held steady at 111.8. An advance of 3.3 points to 78.0 between December 26 and January 30 for the Canadian farm product wholesale price index mainly reflected strength in grain quotations in the field product section, though animal products also displayed firmness. The field products increase of 4.7 points to 64.1 was influenced by advances for potatoes, onions and hay in addition to grains. In the animal product section, livestock prices were moderately higher.

COST OF LIVING: (Wartime increase 14.5 per cent - from 100.8 to 115.4). The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index declined from 115.8 on December 1, 1941 to 115.4 on January 2, 1942. This index which has been specified as the basis for calculating cost-of-living bonus adjustments under Order-in-Council P.C.8253 has increased 14.5 per cent between August 1939 and January 1942. The food group declined from 123.8 to 122.3, as lower prices in the egg, fresh fruit, dairy product, and dry grocery subgroups overbalanced increases for potatoes, onions and certain meats. Three index groups advanced fractionally as follows: fuel and lighting from 112.7 to 112.9, housefurnishing and services from 117.9 to 118.0, and miscellaneous from 106.7 to 106.8. Other groups were unchanged, rents at 111.2 and clothing at 119.9.

SECURITIES: January prices for industrial and utility stocks showed a further extension of the irregular decline which occurred in the final quarter of 1941. Between December 26 and January 29 the Investors' weekly composite index for 95 representative stocks moved 0.3 points lower to 66.5. Losses concentrated largely in the industrial section sent the index for this series down 1.2 points to 62.5 while the section index for 19 utilities gained 2.9 points due to a 9.5 point advance to 65.0 for transportation issues. Banks were fractionally firmer, closing 1.2 higher at 91.1. In the industrial section most pronounced losses were for beverages and foods and allied products which showed index declines of 8.2 and 5.9 points respectively. Other groups to register decreases in this section were pulp and paper and oils, while telephone and telegraph stocks in the utility section were weaker. Mining stock prices were fractionally firmer over the month a composite index of 25 mining issues stiffening 0.4 points to 61.4 between December 26 and January 29. An advance of 3.4 points to 84.8 in the base metals index was responsible for the gain, as the index for 22 golds eased 1.0 to 49.7 in the same interval. Dominion of Canada long-term bond prices, reversing their easier tone of the previous month closed January at an index level of 102.0 compared with 101.9 for the final week of December.

SUMMARY OF PRICE INDEXES

(1926=100 for Wholesale Prices)
(1935-39=100 for Cost of Living and Security Prices)

	Jan. 1941	Dec. 1941	January, 1942 Week ended - 2nd	8th	15th	22nd	29th
WHOLESALE/							
Industrial Materials	80.1	91.7	91.9	92.2	92.4	92.5	92.6
Canadian Farm Products	67.2	74.6	75.2	76.2	77.2	77.8	78.0
COST OF LIVING - (1st of month)	108.3	115.8	----------	----------	115.4	----------	----------
Investors' Price Index(95 common stocks)	71.3	67.2	68.2	67.1	67.0	66.4	66.5
68 Industrials	66.9	63.9	65.1	63.6	63.3	62.2	62.5
19 Utilities	77.3	68.7	69.9	69.6	70.3	70.9	70.7
Mining Stock Price Index(25 stocks)	79.4	63.2	63.3	62.2	62.5	61.4	61.4
22 Golds	74.4	52.2	51.4	51.1	51.0	50.3	49.7
3 Base Metals	89.2	84.8	86.8	84.1	85.1	83.3	84.8
Dominion of Canada Long-Term Bonds -							
Price Index	100.8	102.0	101.9	102.0	102.1	102.1	102.0
Yield Index	96.3	93.6	93.8	93.8	93.8	93.5	93.5
FOREIGN EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS-noon rates (Bank of Canada) at Montreal							
U.S. dollars (x) .....dollars	1.105	1.105	1.105	1.105	1.105	1.105	1.105
Sterling (x) .....dollars	4.450	4.450	4.450	4.450	4.450	4.450	4.450

/ Week ends Friday instead of Thursday. (x) Average of daily buying and selling rates set by the Canadian Foreign Exchange Control Board since September 18, 1939.

REVIEW OF IMPORTANT COMMODITY MARKETS

WHEAT AND OTHER GRAINS: Domestic spring wheat quotations (Fort William and Port Arthur cash basis) showed strength in January. As the month closed No. 1 Manitoba northern at 78½¢ per bushel showed an advance of 4 3/8¢ over the December close while No. 2 northern moved up a similar amount to 75¼¢ per bushel and No. 3 northern 5 3/8¢ to 73¾¢. There was a 3 million bushel drop to 279 million in the Bureau's third western crop estimate, and increased livestock production has resulted in the consumption of larger quantities of low grade wheat. Canadian wheat exports for January were placed at 11.1 million bushels compared with 18.3 million bushels in December 1941.

In the southern hemisphere, wheat crop harvesting has now been practically completed. For Australia the final official wheat crop estimate was 162,088,000 bushels, somewhat smaller than earlier predictions, but about double last season's outturn. While the United Kingdom will take 55 millions of Australian wheat under an agreement reached several months ago, other potential sources for the remaining exportable surplus of about 73.5 million bushels were somewhat obscure due to shipping difficulties and loss of outlets. In the Argentine, latest estimates indicated a wheat outturn of 183.7 million bushels compared with a 1940-41 crop of 271 million bushels. A recent advice indicated 160,000 tons of Argentine wheat had been sold to Spain at a price equal to 55 7/8¢ per bushel (United States funds). Both in Australia and Argentina, however, storage space becomes a serious problem.

Domestic coarse grain prices were firmer also under the leadership of wheat, generally reaching their highest levels as the month closed. Oats, No. 2 C.W. finished at 51¼¢ per bushel, up 2½¢ over December 31, 1941, while barley No. 1 feed closed 5¼¢ higher at 61¾¢ per bushel. Registering the sharpest net advance for the month rye, No. 2 C.W. was quoted 6¾¢ per bushel higher at 66 1/8¢ on January 31, while flax No. 1 C.W. moved up 5½¢ to $1.62½.

Description (Basis cash per bushel, Ft. William and Pt. Arthur)	1941 January ¢	1941 December ¢	1942 January ¢
No.1 Manitoba Northern wheat	74.2	74.4	77.0
No.2 Canada Western oats	33.5	47.0	50.8
No.2 Canada Western rye	46.8	59.4	64.1
No.1 feed barley	42.7	55.9	59.4
No.1 Canada Western flax	150.2	155.3	159.8

FLOUR AND OTHER MILLED PRODUCTS: While the monthly average price of first patent spring wheat flour, carlots, held unchanged at Toronto in January at $5.05 per barrel of 2-98's cotton, there was a fractional increase for a similar grade at Winnipeg to $5.22 per barrel compared with $5.19 in December. Over the same period quotations for Ontario winter wheat flour advanced 1¢ to $5.66 per barrel, carlots, Montreal rate points. Demand for this type of flour has, however, deteriorated considerably due to its high price level in relation to "springs". Domestic spring wheat flour demand was well maintained over the month with heavier buying towards the close. In the export market the Cereal Import Committee, British government buying agency, placed orders for substantial quantities, and also took over the 5500 ton Russian flour contract placed several weeks earlier. This had been cancelled due to outbreak of hostilities in the Far East. Since that time exports from the west coast have almost stopped. Among other milled products oatmeal prices at Toronto averaged higher by 5¢ per 98 - lb sack in January at $4.00, while rolled oats quotations were unchanged at $3.25 per 80 - lb bag. Table corn meal showed an increase of 20¢ at $3.30 per 98 - lb bag, f.o.b. Montreal. Millfeeds were unchanged during the month, bran averaging $28.50 per ton and shorts $29.50 per ton, Ontario and Montreal lake and rail points. Due to the fact that too much millfeed was going out of the country under the permit system whereby 50 p.c. of all feeds milled from export flour orders could be exported, a temporary embargo was placed on all millfeed export for two weeks dating from the third week of January.

Description	1941 January $	1941 December $	1942 January $
Flour No.1 patent, per barrel, f.o.b. Ontario and Montreal lake and rail points...	5.69	5.05	5.05
Rolled Oats, Toronto, per 80-lb. bag	2.45	3.25	3.25
Bran, carlots, f.o.b. Ontario lake and rail points.....	26.50	28.50	28.50

LIVESTOCK: Under the impetus of stronger export markets and firm domestic demand all sections of the livestock market averaged higher in January. There were, however, slightly easier price tendencies as the month closed. For January the composite livestock showed a net gain of 5% p.c. over the December figure of 114.8. In the cattle section good steers, up to 1050 lbs, averaged 45¢ per cwt. higher at$9.35 on the Toronto market, while at Winnipeg there was a net advance of 48¢ to $8.83 per cwt. For the first 17 days of January, Canada exported 21,580 heavy cattle to the United States out of a reduced rate-of-duty first quarter quota of 51,720 head. On short runs good veal calf quotations stiffened $1.53 per cwt. at Toronto to $14.58, while the Winnipeg market registered an increase of $1.12 to $11.93 per cwt. Hog quotations, B1 dressed, showed practically equal advances at Montreal and Toronto, being up 44¢ per cwt. at $15.63 at the former, and 42¢ per cwt. at $15.31 at the latter. Quotations for the same grade on the Winnipeg market showed an advance of only 9¢ to $13.86 per cwt. Under the influence of light supplies lamb prices scored advances at all centres except Montreal where a drop of 49¢ to $10.81 per cwt. occurred. Good handy weights averaged $11.93 per cwt at Toronto, up 54¢ over December, while at Winnipeg a gain of 53¢ moved the price for the same grade to $10.18 per cwt.

Descriptions	1941 January $	1941 December $	1942 January $
Good steers up to 1050 pounds per cwt.			
at Toronto	8.37	8.90	9.35
Winnipeg	8.07	8.35	8.83
Good veal calves, per cwt. at Toronto	12.36	13.05	14.58
Winnipeg	10.43	10.81	11.93
Hogs B1 dressed weight per cwt.			
at Toronto	11.08	14.89	15.31
Winnipeg	10.28	13.77	13.86
Good handyweight lambs per cwt.			
at Toronto	11.20	11.39	11.93
Winnipeg	9.67	9.65	10.18

BUTTER: There was very little movement in creamery butter wholesale prices in January, 1942, and an index of prices in six representative cities remained at the December level of 85.9. At Montreal, however, creamery butter prices moved up 1/5 of a cent to 35.5¢ in January, while there was a loss of a similar amount at Toronto to 35.3¢ per pound. Winnipeg quotation dropped ½ a cent to 35¢, but at other centres there were no changes in price levels. As in the previous month both production and cold storage holdings (including those in dairy factories) showed declines. According to a preliminary figure issued by the Agricultural Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics storage stocks of creamery butter as of February 1, 1942 were 31,875,448 lbs or 10,843,226 lbs. below the corresponding figure a month earlier. Production during the same period was off 1,147,000 lbs at 10,702,000 lbs. Loss in production was, however, partially offset by a smaller domestic disappearance amounting to 21,624,000 lbs compared with 22,018,000 lbs in December.

Description	1941 January	1941 December	1942 January
Jobbing price of first grade creamery butter, per pound at Montreal.....	35.4¢	35.3¢	35.5¢
Toronto	35.3	35.5	35.3

EGGS: Following a sharp seasonal drop in December, egg prices showed relatively small change in January, 1942, though the movement was still downward as indicated by the January composite index of 79.1. This compared with 81.9 in December. With removal of export restrictions quotations were dominated almost exclusively by the fixed Board contract price of 32.12¢ per dozen, plus 3¢ per dozen bonus paid by the Dominion government, for grade A export eggs at seaboard. At Vancouver, due to a prolonged cold spell prices rose above the export differential, and grade A's averaged 32¢ or ½ a cent per dozen over the December level. At other points, A's averaged from 3 1/3¢ lower at Halifax to less than ½ a cent lower at Calgary. Similar variations were noted for B's while C's showed much smaller losses at points where they were quoted. As of February 1, 1942 preliminary cold storage egg stocks were reported by the Agricultural Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics to be 147,444 dozen compared with 321,588 dozen on January 2.

Description		(see above dates)	
	¢	¢	¢
Eggs, Grade A large per dozen at Montreal ...	28.0	38.4	37.1
Toronto	26.6	36.7	36.0

RAW COTTON: Reflecting continued increases in war and civilian requirements raw cotton prices at New York rose in January 1942 to levels untouched since 1929. Touching a peak of 20.96¢ per pound on January 27, quotations for 15/16" middling at New York compared with 18.55¢ on December 31, and 20.10¢ per pound a month later. Reports during the month indicated that United States raw cotton consumption in 1942 would be at the rate of 11 million bales annually, or more than last seasons crop of 10.9 million bales. The United States Commodity Credit Corporation's attempt to stem the advance in raw cotton prices by selling government owned stocks was hampered by lack of grades and staples required by the mills. While United States government-held cotton still continued to enter Canada at the basic price of 13.25¢ per pound, basis 15/16" middling, Carolina points, the government subsidy which had been 3¢ per pound for several months was reduced to 2½¢ effective January 26. Cotton mill activity in Canada was well maintained during the month, latest estimates indicating the January total would exceed the December consumption figure of 44,547 bales of 500 lbs each. Production of war goods was now reported to exceed 30 p.c. of the total cotton mill capacity, and civilian requirements of yarns and fabrics have had to be strictly allocated on the basis of previous takings. In order to offset loss due to the drop in cotton yarn and fabric prices to "ceiling" price levels during January, it was stated that the Commodity Prices Stabilization Corporation will grant subsidies to cotton manufacturers.

Description	1941 January	1941 December	1942 January
Raw cotton 15/16", per pound, at New York (Canadian funds).....	¢ 13.0	¢ 22.1	¢ 22.1[x]

LUMBER AND TIMBER: With the exception of advances of 11.0 points to 158.2 for cedar lumber and timber and 0.6 points to 125.1 for spruce representative lumber and timber prices were steady in January 1942 at levels obtaining in December, 1941. (The advance in the cedar series largely reflected a sharp advance in the export price of cedar shingles.) Sub-group indexes on the base 1926 = 100 were 126.7 for pine lumber and timber; 104.8 for hardwoods; 148.4 for hemlock and 125.9 for fir. Domestic rail trade was well maintained while lumber exports to the United States increased following a temporary slump. For the nine month period ended September, 1941 the United States market took twice as much lumber as in the corresponding period of 1940. While figures for lumber exports to the United Kingdom have not been published for some time it was estimated that the British Columbia rail trade to eastern Canada for shipment to the United Kingdom has been running at the monthly rate of 30 million feet board measure. Cold weather in that province hindered sawmill operations to some extent while at the same time logging operations in Ontario had to be curtailed due to a labour shortage. Currently it has been estimated about 80 p.c. of all sawlogs go either directly or indirectly to the war effort.

Description (Price Indexes 1926 = 100)		(see above dates)	
Pine lumber	112.4	126.7	126.7
Spruce lumber	110.6	124.5	125.1
Cedar lumber	117.6	147.2	158.2
Fir lumber	106.2	125.9	125.9
Hemlock lumber	105.0	148.4	148.4

Weekly Index Numbers of 30 Industrial Material Prices
(1926 = 100)

Month	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
January 1942	91.9	92.2	92.4	92.5	92.5
December, 1941	91.4	91.2	91.7	91.8	-
November, 1941	90.9	91.2	91.1	91.0	-
October, 1941	91.7	91.7	91.2	91.0	90.8

Weekly Index Numbers of Canadian Farm Products
(1926 = 100)

Month	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
January, 1942	75.2	76.2	77.2	77.8	78.0
December, 1941	74.5	74.2	74.3	74.7	-
November, 1941	74.0	74.0	73.7	74.3	-
October, 1941	74.3	74.4	73.7	73.7	73.4

[x] Nominal

SUMMARY TABLES OF CANADIAN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS
(1926=100)

	General Wholesale Price Index	Consumers' Goods	Producers' Goods	Building Materials	Raw and Partly Manufactured Goods	Fully and Chiefly Manufactured Goods	Canadian Farm Products	Principal Imports	Principal Exports	Industrial Materials	Thirteen Sensitive Materials
1913	64.0	62.0	67.7	67.0	63.8	64.8	64.1	73.0	64.7	-	-
1920	155.9	136.1	164.3	144.0	154.1	156.5	160.6	158.8	158.1	-	-
1929	95.6	94.7	96.1	99.0	97.5	93.0	100.8	94.2	92.2	91.8	87.2
1933	67.1	71.1	63.1	78.3	56.6	70.2	51.0	73.0	55.2	54.1	43.8
1939	75.4	75.9	70.4	89.7	67.4	75.3	64.3	84.7	63.5	69.0	57.0
1940	82.9	83.4	78.7	95.6	75.3	81.5	67.1	96.0	71.9	79.0	65.9
1939											
August	72.3	72.7	66.7	90.2	62.8	72.6	58.4	80.5	59.9	65.3	52.9
December	81.7	81.4	78.1	94.2	74.4	81.2	69.0	94.7	71.5	78.8	69.0
1940											
January	82.6	82.4	78.9	93.6	75.3	81.5	70.0	94.9	72.6	80.1	69.5
February	82.8	82.9	79.2	93.5	75.7	81.7	70.3	95.3	73.2	79.5	67.9
March	83.2	83.2	79.9	94.1	76.3	81.9	71.3	94.6	74.1	79.7	68.0
April	83.1	82.6	80.3	94.2	76.8	81.5	72.1	94.5	74.5	79.4	67.3
May	82.2	82.3	78.7	94.3	75.2	80.5	68.0	94.4	71.5	78.6	66.5
June	81.6	82.5	77.2	94.3	74.0	80.0	64.3	95.0	69.4	77.9	65.3
July	82.6	83.7	77.7	95.3	74.9	80.7	64.4	96.5	70.0	78.7	64.8
August	82.6	83.5	77.9	96.7	73.8	81.3	62.7	96.2	70.4	78.1	63.9
September	83.0	84.0	78.3	97.6	74.3	81.6	63.8	96.9	71.3	78.2	63.1
October	83.3	84.1	78.4	98.0	74.8	81.8	64.6	97.8	71.6	78.8	64.0
November	83.9	84.8	78.8	98.2	76.1	82.4	66.9	98.1	72.3	79.8	66.0
December	84.2	85.2	79.1	98.0	76.1	83.0	67.1	98.0	72.3	79.1	64.7
1941											
January	84.6	85.5	79.7	98.7	76.6	83.4	67.2	98.3	72.8	80.1	65.7
February	85.2	85.7	80.6	100.1	77.7	83.7	68.3	98.6	73.8	81.2	66.9
March	85.9	86.2	81.3	100.6	78.9	84.2	69.1	99.9	74.4	82.3	68.6
April	86.6	87.0	81.6	100.7	79.3	85.3	69.5	100.6	74.5	83.4	70.8
May	88.5	88.6	83.3	107.5	80.9	86.8	69.6	103.3	76.0	86.5	73.6
June	90.0	90.6	84.3	108.4	81.8	88.8	71.0	103.9	77.1	88.0	75.4
July	91.1	92.0	84.5	109.0	82.4	90.2	71.7	105.7	77.0	89.3	77.6
August	91.8	93.3	84.5	110.6	83.3	90.8	72.1	107.6	76.5	90.8	79.7
September	93.2	95.2	85.6	111.3	84.6	92.4	73.3	108.8	77.2	91.5	80.5
October	93.8	96.7	85.7	111.1	85.3	93.2	74.1	109.7	77.9	91.3	80.6
November	94.0	96.8	85.5	111.2	85.3	93.3	74.1	109.1	78.4	91.0	80.4
December	93.6	95.5	85.8	111.6	85.5	92.4	74.6	108.8	78.9	91.7	80.4
1942											
January	94.3	95.3	86.6	112.7	87.1	92.0	77.3	-	-	-	-

COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1940	Jan. 1941	Nov. 1941	Dec. 1941	Jan. 1942
Total Index	567	88.9	84.8	94.0	93.6	94.3
I. Vegetable Products	135	72.1	71.8	80.1	80.6	82.3
Fruits	15	82.0	80.6	105.8	96.0	92.3
Fresh	4	84.8	83.7	111.8	98.6	93.8
Dried	5	79.1	76.0	93.1	93.6	92.6
Canned	6	67.9	66.9	82.8	82.8	82.8
Grains	23	55.7	53.9	56.2	57.6	60.2
Flour and Milled Products	12	74.4	75.0	76.8	77.3	77.5
Bakery Products	2	84.9	85.4	86.8	86.8	86.8
Vegetable Oils	8	73.9	78.1	128.6	129.8	130.7
Rubber and Its Products	9	69.1	71.6	75.7	75.7	75.7
Sugar and Its Products and Glucose	8	101.3	103.8	120.3	120.4	120.4
Tea, Coffee, Cocoa and Spices	15	88.5	90.5	125.9	119.8	121.0
Vegetables	13	65.3	58.8	70.8	77.4	90.9
II. Animals and Their Products	76	79.1	83.5	101.8	98.9	98.8
Fishery Products	16	82.8	86.7	105.5	106.9	107.1
Furs	9	58.8	60.5	95.6	92.5	76.9
Hides and Skins	6	93.7	104.5	117.7	119.3	119.8
Leather, Unmanufactured	9	104.1	99.2	111.9	111.9	115.5
Boots and Shoes	2	101.2	100.4	107.7	107.7	106.0
Live Stock	4	94.6	103.8	112.1	114.8	120.3
Meats and Poultry	10	79.9	83.7	99.8	100.3	102.7
Milk and Its Products	12	78.7	87.6	103.0	98.8	97.6
Fats	5	46.4	45.7	80.1	70.3	71.9
Eggs	3	63.9	58.9	100.4	81.9	79.1
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	83.8	84.4	96.7	94.9	93.3
Cotton, Raw	2	69.6	72.9	113.9	119.0	119.0
Cotton Fabrics	19	79.4	80.6	96.1	89.2	84.2
Knit Goods	3	88.4	88.9	104.1	104.1	103.9
Flax, Hemp and Jute Products	10	67.1	68.6	93.0	93.1	93.1
Silk, Raw	9	51.4	48.5	70.3	70.3	-
Silk Hosiery	2	72.2	71.7	73.1	73.1	73.1
Silk Fabrics	4	69.0	69.0	69.0	69.0	69.0
Artificial Silk Products	5	49.0	48.1	50.4	50.4	50.4
Wool, Raw	3	91.3	93.8	94.7	94.7	94.7
Wool Hosiery and Knit Goods	5	106.5	107.5	108.8	108.8	108.8
Wool Cloth	6	104.8	104.5	105.2	105.2	105.2
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	88.8	95.9	98.3	98.9	100.4
Newsprint and Wrapping Paper	2	73.8	74.0	74.0	74.0	74.0
Lumber	33	103.6	109.0	126.7	127.1	129.9
Pulp	3	102.8	108.9	108.9	108.9	116.4
Furniture	10	89.4	94.0	103.9	103.5	103.5
V. Iron and Its Products	44	104.1	107.4	112.7	112.8	112.9
Pig Iron and Steel Billets	3	101.7	101.7	101.7	101.7	101.7
Rolling Mill Products	14	109.6	110.3	117.0	117.0	117.2
Hardware	16	90.9	91.0	93.9	93.9	93.9
Wire	3	97.2	97.2	100.4	100.4	100.4
Scrap	5	95.9	103.6	111.9	111.9	111.9
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	76.9	77.7	78.2	78.3	78.3
Brass and Copper Products	6	83.5	85.7	86.6	86.6	86.7
Lead and Its Products	2	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1
Tin Ingots	2	87.6	86.8	92.7	93.7	92.7
Zinc and Its Products	2	58.7	58.9	59.2	59.1	59.1
Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products (V and VI above	62	95.0	96.8	101.2	101.3	101.4

COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1940	Jan. 1941	Nov. 1941	Dec. 1941	Jan. 1942
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	89.3	91.0	98.9	99.3	99.3
Clay and Allied Material Products	10	86.5	86.8	94.2	94.2	94.2
Coal	13	101.3	104.4	110.8	111.6	111.6
Coke	5	121.4	121.4	122.5	122.5	122.5
Manufactured Gas	3	102.5	102.9	103.5	103.5	103.5
Glass and Its Products	6	94.8	99.6	104.4	104.4	104.4
Petroleum Products	6	70.9	71.7	85.1	85.1	85.1
Asphalt	2	103.0	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3
Salt	4	116.6	116.6	130.6	130.6	130.6
Lime	4	101.8	101.7	111.8	111.8	111.8
Cement	1	98.4	99.2	106.5	106.5	106.5
Sand and Gravel	8	84.8	87.6	87.3	89.6	89.6
Crushed Stone	3	67.6	73.1	80.3	87.6	87.6
Building Stone	3	64.3	64.3	70.8	70.8	70.8
Asbestos	8	74.0	74.1	74.1	74.1	74.1
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	87.9	91.3	103.6	103.8	103.8
Inorganic Chemicals	22	88.0	89.6	89.1	89.4	89.1
Organic Chemicals	6	77.7	81.6	87.6	90.4	90.4
Coal Tar Products	2	90.0	89.9	91.1	91.1	91.1
Dyeing and Tanning Materials	10	124.1	126.9	136.4	136.4	136.4
Explosives	2	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1
Paints, Prepared	2	71.8	71.8	82.5	82.5	82.5
Drugs and Pharmaceutical Chemicals	10	118.2	138.7	172.9	172.9	172.9
Fertilizers	10	85.6	85.9	88.1	88.1	88.1
Industrial Gases	2	87.2	85.7	83.6	83.6	82.6

PURPOSE CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

I. CONSUMERS' GOODS (Groups A and B)	236	83.4	85.5	96.8	95.5	95.3
A. Foods, Beverages and Tobacco	126	79.4	82.1	96.8	95.0	95.8
Beverages	9	94.0	94.9	131.3	123.3	124.5
Flour and Milled Products	12	74.4	75.0	76.8	77.3	77.5
Bakery Products	2	84.9	85.4	86.8	86.8	86.8
Fish	16	82.8	86.7	105.5	106.9	107.1
Fruits	15	82.0	80.6	105.8	96.0	92.3
Meats and Poultry	10	79.9	83.7	99.8	100.3	102.7
Milk and Milk Products	12	78.7	87.6	103.0	98.8	97.6
Sugar and Its Products	8	101.3	103.8	120.3	120.4	120.4
Vegetables	13	65.3	58.8	70.8	77.4	90.9
Eggs	3	63.9	58.9	100.4	81.9	79.1
Tobacco	8	40.8	41.7	41.8	44.2	44.2
B. Other Consumers' Goods	110	86.1	87.7	96.8	95.8	95.0
Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Rubbers, Hosiery and Underwear	52	87.4	87.7	96.3	93.9	91.9
Household Equipment and Supplies	58	85.2	87.7	97.2	97.3	97.3
II. PRODUCERS' GOODS (Groups C and D)	402	78.8	79.7	85.5	85.8	86.6
C. Producers' Equipment	24	100.0	102.2	107.9	108.6	108.5
Tools	3	91.6	91.6	98.1	98.1	98.1
Light, Heat and Power Equipment and Supplies	17	100.8	103.1	109.2	110.0	109.8
Explosives	2	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1
Miscellaneous	2	99.3	100.8	100.8	100.8	100.8

PURPOSE CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1940	Jan. 1941	Nov. 1941	Dec. 1941	Jan. 1942
D. Producers' Materials	378	76.4	77.2	83.0	83.3	84.2
Building and Construction Materials	111	95.6	98.7	111.2	111.6	112.7
*Lumber	33	103.6	109.0	126.7	127.1	129.9
Paint	13	74.1	73.5	85.6	85.7	85.9
Miscellaneous	65	93.4	95.2	102.8	103.3	103.0
Manufacturers' Materials	267	73.1	73.6	78.2	78.5	79.4
Textiles and Clothing	64	81.7	82.3	93.4	90.3	87.2
Furs and Leather Goods	24	87.0	86.6	107.1	106.2	102.8
For Metal Working Industries	41	83.1	83.9	85.6	85.6	85.7
For Chemical Using Industries	43	92.7	95.0	97.6	98.2	98.0
For Meat Packing Industries	4	94.6	103.8	112.1	114.8	120.3
For Milling and Other Industries	23	55.7	53.9	56.2	57.6	60.2
Miscellaneous Producers' Materials	68	75.3	76.6	80.4	80.6	81.6

ORIGIN CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Total Raw and Partly Manufactured	245	75.3	76.6	85.3	85.5	87.1
Total Fully and Chiefly Manufactured	322	81.5	83.4	93.3	92.4	92.0
I. Articles of Farm Origin (Domestic and Foreign)						
A. Field						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	95	59.4	58.3	66.0	67.0	69.8
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured	91	79.2	80.6	90.6	89.9	89.3
(c) Total	186	70.1	70.3	79.2	79.3	80.3
B. Animal						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	46	84.1	87.7	101.0	99.4	99.0
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured	59	78.6	82.1	97.5	94.8	94.2
(c) Total	105	81.0	84.5	99.0	96.8	96.3
C. Canadian Farm Products						
(1) Field	52	56.0	53.6	57.4	59.2	62.8
(2) Animal	18	85.8	90.0	102.0	100.5	101.5
(3) Total	70	67.1	67.2	74.1	74.6	77.3
II. Articles of Marine Origin						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	5	74.6	78.1	89.1	92.4	93.1
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured	11	81.3	86.5	113.5	114.0	113.9
(c) Total	16	79.5	84.2	106.9	108.2	108.3
*III. Articles of Forest Origin						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	37	103.4	109.0	121.3	121.6	125.8
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured	20	75.5	76.2	77.6	77.5	77.5
(c) Total	57	88.5	91.5	98.0	98.1	100.0
IV. Articles of Mineral Origin						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	62	88.9	90.8	93.6	94.0	93.9
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured	141	92.0	93.5	100.6	100.8	100.8
(c) Total	203	90.6	92.3	97.5	97.8	97.7

* Includes both domestic and export prices.

WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES

(All prices given in Canadian funds)

Commodity		Yearly Average 1940	Jan. 1941	Nov. 1941	Dec. 1941	Jan. 1942
		$	$	$	$	$
OATS, No.2 C.W. Ft.William and Pt.Arthur cash basis	Bush.	.351	.335	.444	.470	.508
WHEAT, No.1 Man. Northern Ft.William and Pt.Arthur cash basis	Bush.	.772	.742	.732	.744	.770
FLOUR, First Patent, 2-98's cotton, Toronto		5.706	5.690	5.050	5.050	5.050
SUGAR, granulated, Montreal	Cwt.	5.765	5.893	6.893	6.893	6.893
RUBBER, Ceylon, ribbed, smoked sheets, f.o.b. New York	Lb.	.236	.246	.275	.275	.275
LINSEED OIL, Raw, Montreal	Gal.	.853	.744	.870	.870	.870
CATTLE, Steers, good up to 1050 lbs. Toronto	Cwt.	7.858	8.370	8.630	8.900	9.350
HOGS, Bl, Dressed, Toronto	Cwt.	8.700	11.080	14.780	14.890	15.310
BEEF HIDES, Packer Hides, Native Steers, Toronto	Lb.	.136	.154	.150	.150	.150
LEATHER, Packer crops, No.1 and 11, f.o.b. Distributing points	Lb.	.461	.460	.480	.480	.480
BOX SIDES D, f.o.b. Ont. factory	Ft.	.251	.190	.240	.240	.290
BUTTER, Creamery prints, first grade Montreal	Lb.	.275	.354	.352	.353	.355
CHEESE, Canadian old, large, Montreal	Lb.	.230	.222	.370	.370	.340
EGGS, Grade "A" large, Montreal	Doz.	.319	.280	.506	.384	.371
COTTON, raw 1" - 1 1/16" Hamilton	Lb.	.136	.142	.215	.223	.223
COTTON YARNS, 10's white single Hosiery cops, Mill	Lb.	.301	.293	.330	.350	.350
SILK, raw, special grand XX 85 p.c. New York, 13-15 deniers	Lb.	3.324	3.200	4.463	4.463	-
WOOL, eastern bright 1/4 blood domestic, f.o.b. Ontario	Lb.	.303	.310	.310	.310	.310
WOOL, western range, semi-bright 1/2 blood, domestic f.o.b. Ontario	Lb.	.238	.248	.260	.260	.260
PULP, groundwood, No.1 delivered, New England	Ton	32.281	44.000	44.000	44.000	49.500
STEEL, Merchant bars, mild Mill	100 Lbs.	2.550	2.550	2.754	2.754	2.754
PIG IRON, foundry No.1, f.o.b. plant	Gross Ton	25.500	25.500	25.500	25.500	25.500
COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic Montreal	Cwt.	11.455	11.500	11.500	11.500	11.500
LEAD, domestic, f.o.b. carlots Montreal	Cwt.	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000
TIN INGOTS, Straits, f.o.b. Toronto	Lb.	.604	.596	.620	.620	.620
ZINC, domestic, f.o.b. carlots Montreal	Cwt.	5.150	5.150	5.150	5.150	5.150
COAL, Anthracite, Toronto f.o.b. carlots	Ton	11.422	11.889	12.499	12.499	12.499
COAL, Bituminous, N.S. run of mine	Ton	5.500	5.500	5.700	5.700	5.700
Gasolene, Standard Toronto	Gal.	.159	.165	.215	.215	.215
SULPHURIC ACID 66% Baume f.o.b. works	Net Ton	17.000	17.000	18.000	18.000	18.000

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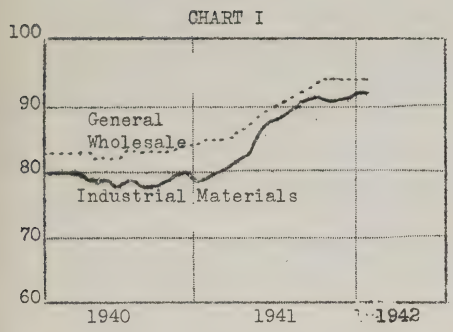

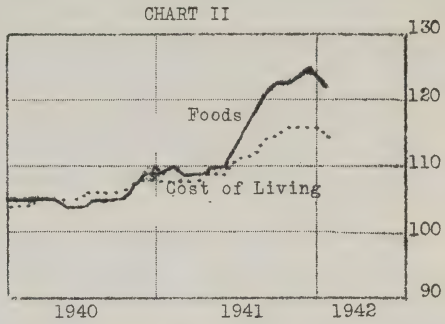

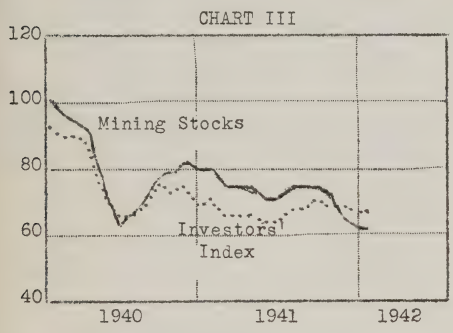

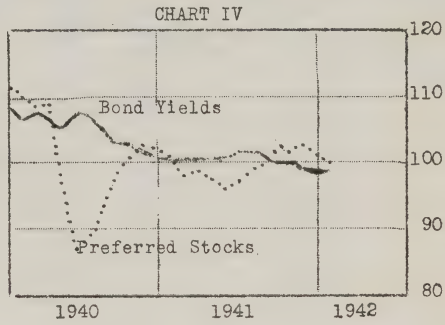

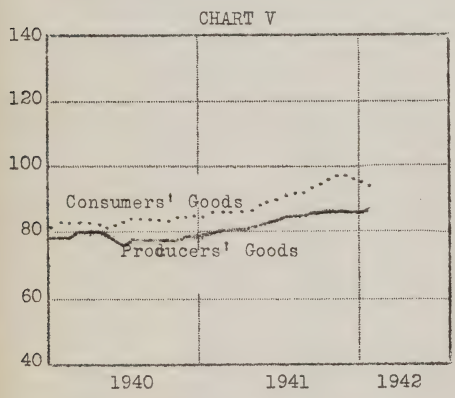

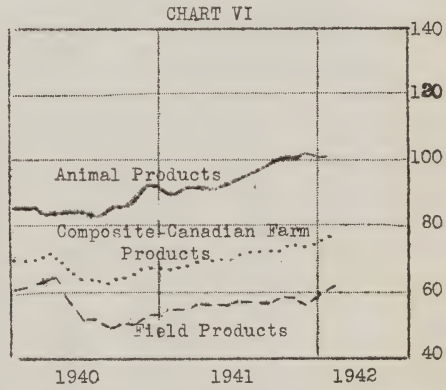

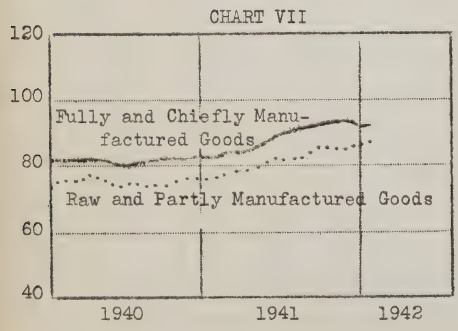

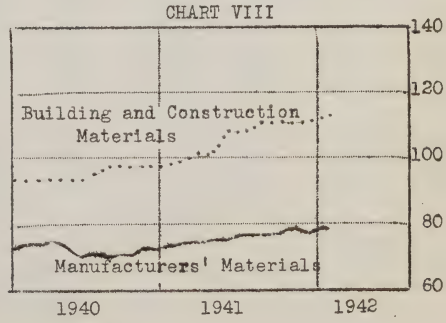

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS IN CANADA, JANUARY 2, 1942.

(Calculations based on prices for the first business day of each month)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of living costs on the base 1935-1939=100, declined further from 115.8 on December 1, 1941 to 115.4 on January 2,1942. At this level, it was 14.5 per cent above the August 1939 index.

A decrease in the food index from 123.8 to 122.3 was responsible for the January decline, with lower prices for eggs, fresh fruits, and dairy products outweighing increases for potatoes, onions, and some cuts of meat.

Fractional advances occurred in three groups of the index: fuel and lighting mounted from 112.7 to 112.9, homefurnishings and services from 117.9 to 118.0, and miscellaneous items from 106.7 to 106.8.

Rentals and clothing remained unchanged at 111.2 and 119.9 respectively.

An index of retail prices excluding rents and services declined from 120.6 for December 1, 1941 to 119.9 for January 2, 1942.

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS, 1913-JANUARY 2, 1942.

(1935-1939=100)

		Total Index	Food Index	Rent Index	Fuel and Light-ing Index	Cloth-ing Index	Home Furnishings and Miscellaneous Index		Retail Prices Index (Commod-ities only)
1913		79.7	88.3	74.3	76.9	88.0	70.3		-
1914		80.0	91.9	72.1	75.4	88.9	70.3		-
1917		104.5	133.3	75.8	83.8	130.3	81.5		-
1918		118.3	152.8	80.2	92.2	152.3	91.4		-
1920		150.5	188.1	100.2	119.9	213.1	110.3		-
1926		121.8	133.3	115.9	116.8	139.1	106.1		-
1929		121.7	134.7	119.7	112.6	134.8	105.0		-
1930		120.8	131.5	122.7	111.8	130.6	105.4		-
1934		95.6	92.7	93.2	102.1	97.1	97.8		-
	Percentage Increase Since Aug.1,1939						Home furnish-ings and Services Index	Miscell-aneous Index	
1935		96.2	94.6	94.0	100.9	97.6	95.4	98.7	95.9
1936		98.1	97.8	96.1	101.5	99.3	97.2	99.1	98.1
1937		101.2	103.2	99.7	98.9	101.4	101.5	100.1	102.0
1938		102.2	103.8	103.1	97.7	100.9	102.4	101.2	102.8
1939		101.5	100.6	103.8	101.2	100.7	101.4	101.4	101.0
1940		105.6	105.6	106.3	107.1	109.2	107.2	102.3	106.6
1939 Aug. 1.		100.8	99.3	103.8	99.0	100.1	100.9	101.3	100.0
1940 Oct. 1	6.2	107.0	106.1	107.7	108.0	113.5	109.7	102.8	108.4
Nov. 1	6.9	107.8	108.7	107.7	108.5	113.5	110.0	102.8	109.7
Dec. 2	7.1	108.0	109.1	107.7	108.5	113.5	110.7	102.8	110.0
1941 Jan. 2	7.4	108.3	109.7	107.7	108.6	113.7	110.8	103.1	110.4
Feb. 1	7.3	108.2	108.8	107.7	108.7	114.1	111.5	103.1	110.1
Mar. 1	7.3	108.2	109.0	107.7	108.9	114.2	111.6	102.9	110.2
Apr. 1	7.7	108.6	110.1	107.7	108.9	114.3	111.7	102.9	110.7
May 1	8.5	109.4	109.7	109.7	109.2	114.5	111.8	105.1	110.9
June 2	9.6	110.5	112.5	109.7	110.2	114.9	112.1	105.6	112.7
July 2	11.0	111.9	116.6	109.7	110.5	115.1	113.0	105.6	114.9
Aug. 1	12.8	113.7	121.3	109.7	110.5	115.7	114.3	106.1	117.7
Sept.2	13.8	114.7	123.3	109.7	110.9	117.4	115.8	106.4	119.4
Oct. 1	14.6	115.5	123.2	111.2	112.1	119.6	117.3	106.5	120.1
Nov. 1	15.4	116.3	125.4	111.2	112.7	120.0	117.9	106.7	121.4
Dec. 1	14.9	115.8	123.8	111.2	112.7	119.9	117.9	106.7	120.6
1942 Jan. 2	14.5	115.4	122.3	111.2	112.9	119.9	118.0	106.8	119.9

Order-in-Council P.C. 8253 (October 27, 1941) provides for a cost-of-living bonus of 25 cents per week for each one per cent of increase in the official index number measured from August, 1939. For convenience the percentage increase each month as compared with August, 1939, is shown in the left-hand column.

INDEX NUMBERS OF RETAIL PRICES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES OF FOOD IN CANADA, AUGUST 1, 1939, AND JANUARY 2, 1941-JANUARY 2, 1942.

(1935-1939=100)

Year and Month	Beef Sirloin	Beef Blade	Veal Roast	Lamb Roast	Pork Fresh	Bacon Breakfast	Canned Salmon	Pure Lard	Eggs Grade "A"	Milk Fresh	Butter Creamery	Cheese Canadian	Beans Dry	Potatoes
1939 - August 1st	110.7	111.4	105.5	109.3	105.8	97.4	99.1	73.4	91.5	100.0	88.7	98.2	87.9	126.4
1941 - January 2nd	119.8	125.2	124.5	108.8	99.2	95.8	115.0	68.2	114.8	105.5	127.2	111.3	119.0	99.6
February 1st ...	122.9	129.4	129.6	115.0	100.0	96.4	115.6	68.2	89.4	107.3	123.3	112.7	112.1	100.4
March 1st	124.5	132.2	129.6	114.2	100.0	97.3	116.9	67.5	82.8	108.3	123.6	112.7	110.3	100.4
April 1st	126.1	132.9	130.2	115.8	100.8	97.6	118.8	66.2	81.6	109.2	125.6	113.6	106.9	99.6
May 1st	127.3	135.0	126.4	117.7	102.0	97.9	118.8	66.2	79.8	109.2	112.9	114.6	106.9	98.4
June 2nd	130.8	140.5	129.5	121.9	112.1	105.4	121.9	67.5	82.8	109.2	112.9	116.4	110.3	97.3
July 2nd	134.0	143.3	135.8	133.5	123.5	116.4	123.1	71.4	95.2	109.2	116.2	121.1	110.3	117.8
August 1st	136.0	146.1	138.4	135.0	131.6	126.9	123.1	90.9	116.0	109.2	129.4	126.3	110.3	131.4
September 2nd ..	136.7	146.1	142.8	128.5	133.2	128.7	124.4	105.2	127.5	110.1	134.3	135.2	110.3	120.5
October 1st	136.7	148.9	147.8	122.7	133.2	128.9	126.9	113.6	129.9	110.1	127.2	153.5	110.3	113.2
November 1st ...	135.2	149.7	147.8	120.4	133.2	129.9	132.5	117.5	154.4	111.0	121.7	171.4	113.8	113.2
December 1st ...	133.6	147.5	147.2	119.6	132.4	128.7	131.9	111.0	143.2	111.0	124.6	171.4	113.8	113.6
1942 - January 2nd	133.2	147.5	148.4	120.0	132.0	128.7	131.9	104.5	121.1	111.0	124.3	170.4	112.1	120.1

Year and Month	Tomatoes Canned	Peas Canned	Bread White	Flour House-hold	Rolled Oats	Rice	Prunes	Raisins	Jam Straw-berry	Sugar Granu-lated	Sugar Yellow	Tea	Coffee	Weighted Food Index (46 Items)
1939 - August 1st	91.3	89.7	98.4	78.4	92.6	101.2	94.7	100.0	96.5	101.6	101.6	105.6	94.4	99.3
1941 - January 2nd	116.2	99.2	104.8	100.0	96.3	111.0	100.9	101.2	93.7	117.2	115.9	125.4	126.7	109.7
February 1st ...	116.2	100.0	104.8	100.0	96.3	111.0	100.9	101.2	91.8	117.2	117.5	126.7	126.7	108.8
March 1st	116.2	100.0	104.8	100.0	96.3	112.2	100.9	100.6	91.7	117.2	117.5	126.9	127.3	109.0
April 1st	117.1	100.8	104.8	102.8	96.3	113.4	100.9	101.2	91.7	123.4	122.2	127.8	127.9	110.1
May 1st	117.9	101.7	104.8	102.8	96.3	114.6	101.8	101.2	91.7	132.8	131.7	130.6	129.8	109.7
June 2nd	118.8	102.5	104.8	102.8	96.3	117.1	103.5	101.2	93.5	134.4	133.3	133.3	130.1	112.5
July 2nd	118.8	103.4	104.8	102.8	98.1	118.3	104.4	101.2	94.6	132.8	133.3	136.1	131.2	116.6
August 1st	119.7	104.2	104.8	102.8	98.1	120.7	104.4	103.0	98.2	134.4	133.3	139.0	132.3	121.3
September 2nd ..	118.8	104.2	104.8	100.0	98.1	124.4	107.0	103.6	101.8	134.4	133.3	142.2	132.9	123.3
October 1st	118.8	104.2	104.8	100.0	101.9	126.8	108.8	103.6	103.6	134.4	133.3	146.2	134.0	123.2
November 1st ...	118.8	105.9	104.8	100.0	105.5	128.0	110.5	104.8	105.3	134.4	133.3	151.2	135.7	125.4
December 1st ...	118.8	105.0	104.8	100.0	103.7	128.0	109.6	104.2	105.3	134.4	133.3	153.2	133.7	123.8
1942 - January 2nd	117.9	105.0	104.8	100.0	103.7	128.0	110.5	103.6	105.3	132.8	133.3	152.7	133.4	122.3

INDEX NUMBERS OF RETAIL FOOD PRICES FOR EIGHT CITIES IN CANADA, 1939-JANUARY 2, 1942.
(1935-1939=100)

	Halifax	Saint John	Montreal	Toronto	Winnipeg	Saskatoon	Edmonton	Vancouver
1939								
January	100.2	99.6	104.1	100.3	103.4	102.1	100.0	98.0
February	98.7	99.7	103.0	99.1	102.3	99.3	98.6	96.0
March	98.0	98.9	103.0	98.8	101.9	101.2	98.8	97.0
April	94.1	99.3	100.4	98.7	102.2	98.4	98.8	96.4
May	97.1	100.1	101.3	97.8	100.0	96.0	97.8	97.9
June	97.0	98.0	100.0	98.2	98.8	96.1	98.6	96.8
July	98.3	99.7	101.5	101.7	100.6	97.6	99.5	98.2
August	99.6	100.5	100.6	100.2	100.6	97.9	100.3	98.1
September	97.4	100.0	99.7	99.0	100.7	97.4	100.0	97.4
October	106.2	106.9	109.4	106.7	108.2	108.3	108.5	104.2
November	107.9	107.5	109.3	106.7	107.8	109.2	111.9	104.9
December	106.1	108.4	107.9	106.4	106.9	109.1	109.4	103.9
Year	100.1	101.5	103.3	101.1	102.8	101.0	101.8	99.1
1940								
January	108.5	107.5	107.3	103.6	106.5	107.3	107.2	101.4
February	106.4	106.6	107.1	103.8	106.2	107.4	107.1	104.1
March	107.1	105.8	107.9	102.9	106.0	106.7	106.2	103.0
April	107.7	106.7	107.7	104.2	106.2	106.7	107.1	103.9
May	108.4	107.4	106.0	103.2	105.3	104.9	108.2	105.3
June	106.1	106.1	106.0	103.7	105.2	103.3	106.6	102.5
July	110.6	108.1	108.2	104.9	109.0	105.9	105.8	103.2
August	111.9	108.9	106.1	104.7	108.5	103.8	104.8	103.9
September	111.3	107.0	106.9	105.9	106.8	103.4	103.5	103.4
October	111.6	108.4	107.9	106.1	107.6	104.3	105.4	103.7
November	113.3	111.3	110.9	108.5	110.2	107.5	108.4	106.1
December	114.7	113.0	111.2	107.8	110.9	109.7	110.1	107.0
Year	109.8	108.0	107.8	105.0	107.3	105.8	106.7	104.0
1941								
January	115.9	112.0	112.7	107.7	111.8	111.5	109.2	107.2
February	113.9	111.0	111.7	108.2	109.6	109.1	108.4	108.8
March	112.2	110.0	111.9	108.6	109.5	109.5	107.8	109.0
April	113.5	110.8	112.1	109.0	110.5	110.0	108.3	109.9
May	113.0	110.8	111.1	108.6	109.8	107.9	109.1	109.4
June	114.7	111.3	116.1	111.5	112.7	109.0	110.8	110.6
July	120.3	115.6	120.8	116.1	116.2	111.5	114.0	115.9
August	124.1	119.9	125.1	119.8	120.2	117.5	119.1	118.1
September	125.5	120.1	126.4	122.7	122.2	122.6	122.5	122.2
October	124.2	119.9	126.6	122.5	122.3	123.3	122.0	121.7
November	127.6	123.3	128.6	125.8	124.5	124.2	122.1	123.2
December	125.9	123.0	127.2	123.7	124.8	124.3	121.3	121.8
1942								
January	125.3	122.8	126.6	122.4	121.9	122.1	119.3	120.0

RETAIL FOOD PRICE CHANGES, DECEMBER 1, 1941 to JANUARY 2,1942

Retail food price index numbers declined between December 1 and January 2 in all of the eight regional cities upon which comparisons are based. Decreases ranged from 0.2 points for Saint John to 2.9 points for Winnipeg. Seasonal reductions in eggs and certain fruit prices, and lower prices of dairy products were the principal contributing factors. January 2 food indexes ranged between 119.3 for Edmonton and 126.6 for Montreal (1935-1939=100).

INVESTORS' INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCK PRICES

The Investors' price index of 95 common stocks declined 2.5 p.c. to 66.5 between January 2 and 29. Losses were concentrated in the industrials and a drop of 4.0 p.c. to 62.5 was recorded by the index for this group. Beverages with a loss of 8.2 p.c. led the decline. Oils, foods and pulp and paper stocks also were affected moderately. Textiles issues showed a gain of 2.0 p.c. to 112.6 on January 29. During January, utilities rose 1.1 p.c. to 70.7. Transportation issues with a rise of 3.3 p.c. supported by a lesser gain in power stocks were responsible for the increase. Banks moved higher by 0.9 p.c. from 90.3 on January 2 to 91.1 on the 29th. The Bureau's monthly index for industrial, utility and bank stocks was 66.8 in January compared with 67.2 in December. Industrials were down 1.0 points to 62.9 while utilities rose 1.7 to 70.4, and banks 0.6 to 91.1.

MINING STOCK PRICES

Prices on Canadian mining markets continued to drift towards lower levels during January, and the Bureau's price index of mining issues registered a 3.0 p.c. drop to 61.4. Gold stocks were quite steady in the first half of the month but a weaker tendency developed thereafter, causing an index loss of 3.3 p.c. to 49.7. In the base metal division gains and losses were mixed, but resulted in a net decline. This index moved lower from 86.8 on January 2 to 84.8 on the 29th, for a recession of 2.3 p.c. While golds closed the month depressed, base metal shares displayed a stronger tone. The monthly price index of twenty-five mining issues fell from 63.2 in December to 61.9 in January.

GOLDS

	Jan.29	Jan.2		Jan.29	Jan.2
Beattie	$ .90	$ .95*	Little Long Lac	$ 1.30	$ 1.30
Bralorne	8.55	9.25*	Macassa	2.71	2.80
Buffalo-Ankerite	2.55	2.65*	McIntyre	40.87	45.00
Cariboo Gold Quartz	1.63	1.72*	Pickle Crow	2.28	2.34
Central Patricia	1.14	1.30	Pioneer	1.90	2.15
Dome	17.25	16.00	San Antonio	1.75	2.05
God's Lake	.15	.18*	Siscoe	.47	.49*
Hollinger	9.75	10.00	Sylvanite	1.85	1.91
Kirkland Lake	.57	.55	Teck-Hughes	2.15	2.25
Lake Shore	10.75	10.87	Uchi	.05	.05
Lamaque Gold Mines	3.85	4.10*	Wright-Hargreaves	2.61	2.85
BASE METALS					
Falconbridge	3.35	3.20	Noranda	48.87	50.25
Hudson Bay	27.25	28.00			

* Latest closing quotations prior to January 2.

PREFERRED STOCKS

Between December, 1941 and January, 1942 the Bureau's preferred stock price index declined 1.1 p.c. to 99.6. The Machinery and Equipment group and Oils opposed the downward movement, the former showing a gain of 1.7 p.c. and the latter, up 1.6 p.c. Appreciable recessions occurred in the Pulp and Paper group, down 5.9 p.c., followed by Foods down 2.7 p.c. below December levels. Milling and Tobacco stocks declined more moderately, each showing losses of 1.2 p.c. Textiles, Beverages and Building Materials were down less than 1 p.c. below January averages.

INDEX NUMBERS OF 30 PREFERRED STOCK PRICES, 1935-1941
(1935-1939=100)

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1935	88.7	89.0	85.9	83.5	82.5	82.5	84.0	85.5	83.5	83.8	87.5	89.0
1936	90.3	83.1	92.0	91.7	90.0	91.9	95.9	97.2	101.1	104.7	109.9	113.3
1937	119.7	121.1	133.8	124.4	120.9	119.8	119.9	122.4	109.8	99.2	98.9	97.7
1938	100.6	99.0	93.5	94.3	96.6	98.7	105.2	104.7	98.1	106.2	105.5	104.8
1939	102.5	101.8	101.2	95.2	95.3	98.8	100.1	97.7	100.5	107.4	108.7	110.1
1940	110.7	109.7	108.8	108.9	96.7	86.9	89.0	93.9	99.1	100.7	103.0	101.7
1941	101.4	97.6	98.7	97.9	96.3	96.8	98.5	100.0	103.2	102.2	102.6	100.7
1942	99.6											

(1935-39=100)

Number of Securities 1942	General: Total	General: Total	Industrials: Machinery and Equipment	Industrials: Pulp and Paper	Industrials: Milling	Industrials: Oils	Industrials: Textiles and Clothing	Industrials: Food and Allied Products	Industrials: Beverages	Industrials: Building Materials	Industrials: Industrial Mines	Utilities: Total	Utilities: Transportation	Utilities: Telephone Telegraph	Utilities: Power and Traction	Banks: Total
	95	68	8	7	3	4	10	12	7	15	2	19	2	2	15	8
1939 - April	87.7	86.7	88.8	57.2	84.2	81.7	78.7	105.3	93.2	85.8	94.2	83.1	40.9	110.5	88.7	102.3
May	90.4	89.6	89.9	59.7	93.0	85.4	81.5	109.8	96.0	89.6	95.7	85.7	42.6	112.9	91.5	103.5
June	88.4	86.7	91.3	61.7	91.2	76.9	83.3	111.6	99.4	92.6	96.0	86.7	46.9	113.9	91.5	103.9
July	88.7	87.5	94.3	63.2	88.4	77.3	88.6	113.4	99.5	93.1	97.0	84.7	44.3	113.1	89.1	103.9
August	85.8	84.8	86.8	55.3	89.6	74.2	89.1	112.4	93.8	87.4	95.4	81.1	39.6	110.7	85.5	103.0
September	91.2	92.5	106.2	95.1	117.6	82.6	106.6	106.3	86.5	104.5	105.2	83.7	75.9	99.4	81.0	95.8
October	96.6	97.3	119.2	116.5	125.3	93.3	120.6	111.3	96.8	115.7	98.6	90.7	83.5	105.1	89.6	99.0
November	94.4	94.5	112.8	113.0	118.9	87.3	122.9	108.5	101.6	112.5	97.4	88.7	68.2	106.6	89.7	102.9
December	92.2	90.9	113.6	118.0	120.0	82.0	125.5	112.1	104.2	111.6	93.0	90.7	70.8	107.7	92.3	103.1
1940 - January	90.9	89.1	107.4	122.0	116.5	78.2	128.0	113.9	107.9	108.3	92.2	90.7	69.9	107.4	92.3	103.3
February	90.2	88.6	103.8	116.5	116.0	79.4	134.4	114.8	106.8	105.5	90.2	89.9	71.2	107.1	90.8	103.0
March	90.3	87.5	107.2	114.0	113.7	78.0	135.4	115.6	107.0	105.3	88.3	93.4	84.0	107.7	92.0	104.0
April	88.4	85.1	105.9	122.4	113.0	74.1	135.7	115.0	109.9	105.2	84.9	93.4	82.7	106.1	93.2	102.4
May	73.3	69.2	82.0	81.1	91.5	62.6	119.3	102.7	94.0	83.2	65.0	78.2	57.1	99.3	78.3	97.4
June	65.5	61.2	74.5	65.2	74.1	50.3	104.2	89.7	85.2	74.3	62.7	71.0	47.3	95.6	70.8	91.3
July	66.1	62.6	73.5	69.2	79.1	50.8	110.4	90.8	91.0	73.5	65.8	70.4	49.0	91.4	70.9	85.5
August	69.3	65.8	78.7	76.2	80.6	52.4	114.0	93.5	95.9	77.5	71.2	73.6	55.0	95.3	73.2	88.1
September	75.8	73.1	85.5	82.1	95.5	60.7	121.4	101.6	99.5	87.0	77.4	78.0	60.1	99.5	77.2	92.9
October	74.2	71.3	84.0	80.1	93.5	56.2	120.8	101.4	99.5	88.9	77.7	77.0	55.4	100.2	76.9	91.9
November	74.5	71.3	86.0	82.6	81.4	54.5	121.5	100.7	105.8	91.2	77.8	78.2	62.2	101.4	76.2	92.7
December	70.3	65.9	78.6	76.7	75.2	48.7	116.8	99.6	106.5	87.6	71.4	76.4	55.8	101.3	75.6	94.6
1941 - January	71.3	66.9	77.6	74.1	72.3	51.6	110.6	96.8	104.3	84.0	73.2	77.3	60.9	101.2	75.4	94.7
February	66.5	62.3	72.9	63.8	69.5	48.7	105.0	90.1	96.6	77.3	67.3	71.3	51.6	100.2	68.8	90.9
March	66.8	63.1	73.6	65.4	69.5	49.5	103.1	87.9	93.7	78.5	69.0	70.7	55.7	99.2	67.0	89.9
April	65.8	62.3	73.2	63.9	68.6	49.4	101.3	88.6	88.1	77.8	67.8	68.2	57.3	97.8	62.2	89.7
May	63.9	60.7	71.8	59.7	63.4	51.3	97.4	88.6	82.8	74.4	62.6	65.2	54.8	91.6	60.3	88.3
June	64.0	60.3	72.0	59.5	67.5	48.0	101.1	90.1	87.3	74.9	64.2	67.1	58.9	92.0	62.0	89.0
July	67.5	64.0	76.3	63.1	67.5	48.4	105.7	90.5	94.3	77.8	72.3	70.6	65.8	93.0	65.3	89.7
August	67.8	64.4	76.8	70.2	72.4	49.1	106.3	91.8	95.7	79.7	71.5	71.2	70.0	94.6	64.4	89.7
September	71.0	67.5	80.5	78.5	75.1	51.3	108.4	93.3	102.4	82.4	75.8	74.7	70.3	98.6	68.8	91.2
October	69.1	65.5	78.3	75.5	74.5	51.2	105.7	91.9	98.7	78.9	71.7	72.5	65.7	96.8	67.2	90.8
November	68.8	65.3	78.2	76.4	74.9	52.9	110.0	91.0	102.6	77.8	68.9	71.1	65.2	95.3	65.5	91.7
December	67.2	63.9	75.5	72.9	72.2	49.0	110.4	91.4	104.8	75.5	69.7	68.7	60.4	95.9	63.0	90.5
1942 - January	66.8	62.9	74.3	71.9	74.5	45.9	112.8	88.7	99.2	75.1	71.9	70.4	64.5	95.5	64.4	91.1

INDEX NUMBERS OF TWENTY-FIVE MINING STOCKS
(1935-39=100)

No. of Stocks 1942	Gold 22	Base Metals 3	Total Index 25
x1929 - High	76.2	127.3	89.2
Low	44.8	63.0	60.6
x1932 - High	53.6	32.9	45.2
Low	41.2	17.0	32.6
x1933 - High	95.0	57.7	81.4
Low	55.1	27.3	45.4
x1934 - High	119.0	67.1	99.9
Low	87.6	50.0	74.8
x1935 - High	111.4	84.7	95.3
Low	88.9	51.5	80.1
x1936 - High	115.7	128.9	118.8
Low	100.5	82.3	94.4
x1937 - High	120.0	142.7	125.6
Low	84.7	73.3	80.8
x1938 - High	106.6	129.1	112.2
Low	89.3	82.8	87.3
x1939 - High	105.7	130.1	113.5
Low	82.5	109.6	91.9
x1940 - High	92.1	122.4	102.2
Low	55.8	69.5	60.5
x1941 - High	75.2	96.1	80.6
Low	50.7	80.6	61.0
1939			
September	84.6	119.4	96.0
October	90.5	119.9	100.9
November	90.3	121.7	100.9
December	89.2	119.3	99.3
1940			
January	91.1	119.6	100.9
February	86.5	115.3	96.2
March	82.0	112.8	92.5
April	81.3	110.8	91.2
May	67.6	88.5	74.5
June	57.7	74.7	63.4
July	59.1	75.1	64.8
August	64.6	83.7	71.0
September	70.8	91.0	77.5
October	72.9	91.3	79.2
November	76.3	94.5	82.4
December	74.9	90.0	80.2
1941			
January	74.4	89.2	79.4
February	70.6	83.2	74.9
March	70.0	84.7	75.1
April	69.0	87.6	75.1
May	66.1	81.2	71.2
June	64.4	83.9	71.0
July	66.2	91.3	74.6
August	66.0	91.7	74.6
September	66.0	94.0	75.4
October	60.8	87.4	69.7
November	54.9	85.0	65.0
December	52.2	84.8	63.2
1942			
January	50.5	84.3	61.9
Weekly Index Numbers			
Week ending January 2nd	51.4	86.8	63.3
" " " 8th	51.1	84.1	62.2
" " " 15th	51.0	85.1	62.5
" " " 22nd	50.3	83.3	61.4
" " " 29th	49.7	84.8	61.4
" " February 5th	48.5	85.1	60.7

xWeekly figures.

INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELDS

Dominion of Canada long-term bond yields moved narrowly in January, but at a slightly higher level than in December. This was reflected in the Bureau's index which advanced 0.1 to 99.4 for January. For the first three weeks, the weekly index was unchanged from the December close of 99.3, but in the week of January 28 it rose 0.3 to 99.6. Provincials, in the main, were moderately firmer. Based on information furnished by Wood, Gundy and Company, Limited, an index of representative Province of Ontario bond yields mounted from 92.6 for December to 93.2 for January, and the average yield of the issues included in the index increased from 3.26 to 3.28.

British Consols closed at 82 7/8, up 1/8, while the Dow-Jones average of selected United States bonds rose from 88.15 to 90.27.

NOTE: Commencing January, 1942, the price index of Dominion of Canada long-term bonds has been discontinued, and the yield index will now be based upon yields of a 15-year 3½ per cent Dominion issue as computed by the Bank of Canada. The change in the yield index has been made to avoid the influence of approaching maturity. This has resulted in a gradual drift downward in the Bureau's yield index since the beginning of 1937, and it has been recalculated on the basis of an unchanging 15-year maturity period since January of that year. A complete record of the Bureau's revised Dominion of Canada long-term yield index is shown on the follow- page.

MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELDS, 1935-1942.

(1935-1939=100)

	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942
January	106.5	95.2	102.2	97.3	109.3	100.6	99.4
February	103.6	100.1	100.8	97.2	107.2	100.8	-
March	102.4	106.4	100.3	95.4	107.9	100.5	-
April	101.8	107.2	97.4	96.3	105.5	100.6	-
May	100.9	106.4	96.2	97.8	104.5	101.1	-
June	98.0	105.6	98.0	95.7	107.8	101.9	-
July	95.5	104.4	98.7	96.0	107.0	101.5	-
August	92.6	102.9	98.8	98.6	104.3	101.2	-
September	91.8	103.2	101.9	117.0	103.1	100.3	-
October	96.0	106.2	99.3	111.9	102.6	100.2	-
November	94.7	105.7	97.4	108.4	101.9	99.1	-
December	93.3*	102.9	97.2	110.5	101.0	99.3	-

*Based upon 15-Year 3 p.c. Theoretical bond since December 1936.

WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BONDS, 1941-1942.

Date	Yields
1941 - November 5	99.6
" 12	99.3
" 19	98.6
" 26	99.0
December 3	99.0
" 10	99.0
" 17	99.6
" 24	99.6
" 31	99.3
1942 - January 7	99.3
" 14	99.3
" 21	99.3
" 28	99.6

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INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELDS
(1936-1939=100)

	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930
January	163.9	162.2	174.0	157.9	148.7	144.6	139.4	138.9	135.7	124.0	135.2	141.9
February	162.4	163.9	170.0	156.4	145.0	144.8	138.6	138.4	134.1	124.4	136.6	140.9
March	157.8	166.4	171.2	155.3	144.3	145.3	138.7	139.0	135.2	125.2	142.2	140.5
April	154.7	168.1	174.3	154.7	144.6	146.6	139.0	139.1	133.0	125.5	140.3	138.0
May	154.7	170.8	172.4	153.7	145.1	145.8	138.7	139.1	131.5	124.4	139.3	136.8
June	152.5	173.2	173.9	155.4	144.6	145.4	136.9	139.6	133.0	129.7	144.6	136.5
July	155.5	176.0	173.2	155.0	144.6	144.0	138.7	139.0	134.0	131.2	144.6	136.2
August	156.4	178.2	173.3	155.0	145.1	142.5	139.6	139.0	131.6	133.3	141.8	133.3
September	156.7	181.3	173.3	153.9	145.1	140.7	139.6	139.1	132.6	132.3	142.9	130.5
October	157.6	183.2	173.5	154.7	146.9	139.3	140.1	139.1	130.7	133.7	144.1	130.1
November	157.6	186.5	166.0	155.8	147.6	139.3	140.4	139.1	129.0	133.3	143.6	130.1
December	160.4	181.8	161.7	152.3	146.2	139.8	139.1	138.0	125.4	135.0	140.9	130.5

	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942
January	130.5	156.2	136.1	131.9	102.4	106.5	95.2	102.2	97.3	109.3	100.6	99.4
February	130.1	155.0	135.5	130.1	105.9	103.6	100.1	100.8	97.2	107.2	100.8	-
March	127.7	151.5	137.6	123.2	104.1	102.4	106.4	100.3	95.4	107.9	100.5	-
April	125.1	151.6	135.9	118.8	104.5	101.8	107.2	97.4	96.3	105.5	100.6	-
May	124.1	151.6	134.4	116.8	103.0	100.9	106.4	96.2	97.8	104.5	101.1	-
June	122.7	156.1	131.9	116.5	105.8	98.0	105.6	98.0	95.7	107.8	101.9	-
July	122.7	151.1	131.9	114.5	105.2	95.5	104.4	98.7	96.0	107.0	101.5	-
August	122.7	140.4	130.7	111.6	104.4	92.6	102.9	98.8	98.6	104.3	101.2	-
September	132.7	139.1	130.8	110.9	112.8	91.8	103.2	101.9	117.0	103.1	100.3	-
October	146.2	135.2	131.9	113.4	113.9	96.0	106.2	99.3	111.9	102.6	100.2	-
November	149.7	136.5	132.3	111.3	108.3	94.7	105.7	97.4	108.4	101.9	99.1	-
December	155.3	139.8	133.4	103.7	109.1	93.3*	102.9	97.2	110.5	101.0	99.3	-

* Based upon 15-Year 3 p.c. Theoretical bond since December 1936.

MONTHLY INDEXES OF AMERICAN STOCK PRICES, 1938 - 1941.
(Issued by Standard and Poor's Trade Securities)
(1935-1939=100)

	Composite	Industrials	Railroads	Utilities
1938 - February	85.2	86.5	75.1	83.2
March	79.2	80.7	64.2	77.5
April	76.5	78.0	56.7	76.6
May	78.0	78.9	57.8	81.1
June	79.7	80.9	56.9	82.3
July	93.6	95.9	73.8	89.6
August	94.0	97.0	73.0	87.2
September	89.6	92.7	65.5	83.2
October	98.5	101.2	77.8	92.7
November	99.4	102.1	79.1	94.0
December	97.1	100.0	76.4	90.7
Year	88.2	90.1	69.5	85.6
1939 - January	97.0	98.7	79.0	94.9
February	95.1	96.0	74.3	97.9
March	96.0	96.6	77.7	99.6
April	85.0	85.1	63.9	92.5
May	98.4	88.3	67.0	96.8
June	89.9	89.9	67.5	98.1
July	91.8	91.8	69.3	100.1
August	90.7	90.4	66.8	101.1
September	99.7	101.3	82.4	98.4
October	100.7	101.8	87.2	100.4
November	98.3	99.6	82.8	101.8
December	97.0	97.6	78.4	101.3
Year	95.1	94.8	74.7	98.8
1940 - January	97.1	97.7	77.7	103.0
February	96.8	97.1	76.5	102.4
March	96.7	97.3	76.7	101.9
April	98.1	98.7	77.3	102.6
May	85.1	85.2	65.4	92.3
June	78.1	77.3	60.8	88.5
July	85.8	79.3	65.2	93.9
August	81.6	80.3	66.0	93.5
September	85.5	84.6	71.6	94.7
October	86.0	85.4	72.6	93.7
November	86.7	86.6	73.6	92.3
December	84.9	84.9	70.0	90.6
Year	88.5	87.9	71.1	95.8
1941 - January	85.0	84.7	73.4	91.1
February	80.1	79.4	70.0	87.1
March	80.3	79.6	70.6	87.1
April	77.9	77.3	71.2	83.1
May	77.1	77.3	70.7	78.9
June	79.5	79.7	70.9	81.6
July	83.2	84.2	73.8	81.8
August	83.2	84.3	74.4	81.0
September	83.6	84.8	72.6	81.3
October	80.4	81.6	70.3	78.5
November	77.4	78.6	68.4	74.5
December	71.8	73.8	61.0	66.2
1942 - January	72.6	74.3	69.0	66.1

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PRICE MOVEMENTS, FEBRUARY, 1942

WHOLESALE: A weekly index of 30 industrial material prices advanced from 92.5 on January 30 to 93.0 on February 27. An authorized increase in prices of certain steel products was mainly responsible for this advance. Steers also recorded increases, while wheat, oats, and hogs moved lower. Canadian Farm Products continued to gain gradually, rising from 78.0 on January 30 to 78.6 on February 27. The field product section rose fractionally from 64.1 to 64.2 as higher prices for potatoes, onions and hay more than offset decreases for grains. Animal products at 102.6 on February 27 were 1.3 points above the closing January level due mainly to gains for cattle, hides and skins.

COST OF LIVING: (Wartime increase 14.8 per cent - from 100.8 to 115.7). The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index increased from 115.4 on January 2 to 115.7 on February 2. This index has risen 14.8 per cent between August 1939 and February 1942. Indexes for foods and miscellaneous items moved higher between January 2 and February 2, while the clothing index recorded a fractional loss. The food group advanced from 122.3 to 123.1, as increases for potatoes, onions, meats and tea overbalanced declines for fruits and eggs. The miscellaneous index mounted from 106.8 to 107.1 due to moderate increases in health costs and life insurance premium rates. The clothing index fell fractionally from 119.9 to 119.8. Other groups were unchanged: rents at 111.2, fuel and lighting at 112.9, and housefurnishings and services at 118.0.

SECURITIES: Further reaction to unfavourable war developments was reflected in the Investors' weekly index for 95 common stocks which moved 4.5 p.c. lower to 63.5 between January 29 and February 26. While all sub-groups were lower, slightly heavier declines in utilities moved the index for this section down 5.2 p.c. to 67.0 as compared with a drop of 5.0 p.c. to 59.4 for industrials. There was, however, a loss of only 0.5 p.c. to 90.6 for banks during the month. Group losses were relatively sharp in certain instances, notably oils which fell 7.0 p.c. to 44.2; transportation stocks were down 6.8 p. c. to 60.6; power and traction stocks 5.9 p.c. at 61.1; machinery and equipment 4.8 p.c. at 71.3; textile and clothing issues 4.8 p.c. at 107.2; industrial mines 4.7 p.c. at 68.8; and foods and allied products 4.6 p.c. at 82.3. Smallest loss for the month, with the exception of banks, was registered by building materials with a decline of 0.7 p.c. to 74.1. In the mining section losses were more substantial than for industrials and utilities. Between January 29 and February 26 the composite series of 25 mining issues dropped 9.3 p.c. to 55.7 paced by an 11.9 p.c. drop to 43.8 for 22 golds. During the same period base metals registered a decline of 6.6 p.c. to close at 79.2. As in industrials and utilities, however, the closing level of mining stocks was slightly firmer than its low for the month in the week ended February 19. A revised series of Dominion of Canada long-term bond yields based upon a 15-year 3 p.c. theoretical bond showed a slight decline during February, closing at a level of 99.3 compared with 99.6 at the end of January.

REVIEW OF IMPORTANT COMMODITY MARKETS

WHEAT AND OTHER GRAINS: Cash grain prices (Fort William and Port Arthur basis) declined to lower levels in February. No.1 Manitoba Northern wheat closed down 2 3/8¢ at 76 1/8¢ per bushel, while lower grades of Manitobas showed proportionate losses. In the coarse grains section oats, No.2 C.W., dipped 2¢ to 49¼¢ per bushel, while barley No.1 feed was off 2 1/8¢ per bushel at 59 5/8¢. Rye, No.2 C.W. moved down from 66 1/8¢ on January 31 to 64 7/8¢ per bushel on February 28, while flax No.1 C.W. showed the smallest loss with a decline of only ½ a cent to $1.62. Because of short supplies the Canadian Wheat Board has "frozen" all stocks of flaxseed in elevators and mills.

Most important recent grain price development was the announcement of higher prices to be paid to growers for the crop year beginning August 1, 1942. The basic price for No.1 northern wheat (Fort William and Port Arthur basis) was raised from 70¢ to 90¢ per bushel, while in addition the wheat quota accepted by the Government was increased 50 million bushels to 280 million bushels. For coarse grains a minimum price of 60¢ per bushel was set for barley, No.2 C.W. 6 row; 45¢ per bushel for No.2 C.W. oats, and $2.25 per bushel for flax, No.1 C.W. In addition the wheat acreage bonus will be continued.

Export demand during the month was slow, though the sale of half a million bushels was reported to Switzerland. In addition Portugal and the middle east were reported to have taken a certain amount. With home-grown grains coming on the market in quantity there was little immediate demand from the United Kingdom. United Kingdom prices for home grown wheat have recently been raised about 16¼¢ per bushel for the coming season bringing quotations to a level of $1.73¼ - $1.86¾ per bushel depending on the delivery date. Mid-month London cables reported Argentine wheat still the cheapest;

on an f.o.b. basis the price was 56 7/8¢ per bushel (United States funds) compared with 69 1/8¢ per bushel for Australian wheat and 85¢ - 90¢ for Canadian. Due to the long freight haul, little wheat was being shipped to England from southern hemisphere countries, though some was going to a number of European non-belligerents. Broomhall recently estimated that not more than 55 million bushels of wheat would be shipped from the Argentine during the current season, which would leave a carry-over of about 100 million bushels at the end of 1942.

Description (Basis cash per bushel, Ft. William and Pt. Arthur)	1941 February ¢	1942 January ¢	1942 February ¢
No.1 Manitoba Northern wheat	75.2	77.0	78.0
No.2 Canada Western oats	33.6	50.8	50.0
No.2 Canada Western rye	47.4	64.1	64.8
No.1 feed barley	[illegible]	59.4	60.0
No.1 Canada Western flax	153.1	159.8	161.6

FLOUR AND OTHER MILLED PRODUCTS: While first patent spring wheat flour, carlots, held unchanged at Toronto in February at $5.05 per barrel of 2-98's cotton, there was an increase of 8¢ over January levels at $5.30 per barrel for the same grade at Winnipeg. Ontario winter wheat flour prices declined 6¢ to $5.60 per barrel, carlots, Montreal rate points, in the same interval. Domestic flour sales were well maintained during the month, while export demand was negligible until the closing week when approximately 750,000 barrels were taken by the United Kingdom market. Newfoundland and the British West Indies took small quantities during the month while Iceland was also reported to have entered the market. Among other milled products oatmeal and rolled oats quotations were steady at January levels under firm domestic demand. Export enquiry in these lines was dormant. Milled feeds, because of their relative cheapness in comparison with other feeds, continued in good demand domestically. Price levels were unchanged from January figures of $28.50 per ton for bran and $29.50 for shorts, Ontario and Montreal lake and rail points. Following removal of the embargo on millfeed exports in the final week of the month, millers were permitted to ship out of the country any or all millfeeds produced from flour sold to Newfoundland and non-European countries.

Description	(see above dates) $	$	$
Flour No.1 patent, per barrel, f.o.b. Ontario and Montreal lake and rail points..	5.85	5.05	5.05
Rolled Oats, Toronto, per 80-lb. bag	2.45	3.25	3.25
Bran, carlots, f.o.b. Ontario lake and rail points	25.75	28.50	28.50

LIVESTOCK: - Canadian livestock markets were firm to higher in February and an index of prices rose to 122.9 from 120.3 in January. Gains for lambs and cattle approximated 4 p.c. and 3 p.c. respectively, calves moved up less than 1 p.c., while the index of hog prices remained unchanged at 86.0. Despite reduced exports as the full duty on heavy cattle entering the United States became effective, cattle markets ruled strong. Offerings were light and domestic trade competed actively for killing types, although demand for stockers and feeders was more limited. Shipments to yards and plants at 76,861 head were 33,415 head less than in January. At Toronto, good steers up to 1050 pounds opened higher and by the week of the 12th had risen 52¢ per cwt. above the January close. Prices eased in the latter half of the month although tending higher as the month closed. At Winnipeg a sharp rise of 75¢ per cwt. in the third week when receipts were greatly reduced, was followed by later small reductions. Calves sold well, good veals ranging between $14.54 and $1[illegible] per cwt. at Toronto and between $11.75 and $12.50 per cwt. at Winnipeg. Hog prices moved narrowly, but closed above opening levels. February marketings totalled 507,617 head compared with 603,915 in January.

Descriptions	(see above dates) $	$	$
Good steers up to 1050 pounds per cwt. at Toronto	8.58	9.35	9.71
Winnipeg	8.05	8.83	8.88
Good veal calves, per cwt. at Toronto	13.10	14.58	14.62
Winnipeg	10.67	11.93	12.16
Hogs BI dressed weight per cwt. at Toronto	11.26	15.31	15.16
Winnipeg	10.33	13.86	14.12
Lambs good handyweight per cwt. at Toronto	11.27	11.93	12.45
Winnipeg	10.00	10.18	11.15

BUTTER: The jobbing price of first grade creamery prints at Montreal and Toronto moved up 2/5¢ per pound in February while prices in western areas were unchanged.

A February average of prices in 6 regional cities was 35.3¢ per pound compared with 35¢ in January and 34.2¢ per pound in February 1941. Throughout the first half of the month, markets were dull but buyers became more interested after the issuance of preliminary stock figures. Canadian creamery butter in storage was reported by the Agricultural Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at 17,498,000 pounds on March 1 compared with 31,750,000 pounds on February 1 and 20,482,000 on March 1, 1941. Preliminary figures of February production at 9,411,000 pounds was about 1,290,000 pounds below the January output and apparent consumption at 20,712,000 pounds was approximately [illegible],000 pounds less than the previous month.

Description	1941 February ¢	1942 January ¢	1942 February ¢
Jobbing price of first grade creamery butter, per pound at Montreal	34.4	35.5	35.9
Toronto	34.4	35.3	35.7

EGGS: Supported by active export demand, egg markets held firm, during February, despite extraordinary heavy receipts for this period. Around mid-month some of the larger markets showed an uncertain tone owing to pending changes in the shipping policy to the United Kingdom. As the Special Products Board continued to absorb surpluses as usual, prices soon steadied. The February average of A's large at eight representative Canadian cities was [illegible]¢ per dozen below the January level while B's and C's showed little or no change. For the first two months of 1942, eggs exported to Great Britain reached a record total of 6,750,000 dozen, compared with 1,000,000 dozen during the corresponding period of 1941. The winter contract with the British Ministry of Food expired at the end of February and was replaced by a new spring contract. Export prices were reduced from about 32¢ to 28.8¢ per dozen (Canadian funds) for grades A's, with the 3¢ bonus remaining in effect. Cold storage stocks were calculated by the Agricultural Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at 528,000 dozen on March 1 compared with 148,135 dozen on February 1. As the month closed, operations were under way by plants for the shipment of eggs on a dried basis instead of in the shell as formerly.

Description		(see above dates) ¢	¢	¢
Eggs, Grade A large per dozen at	Montreal....	25.3	37.1	36.0
	Toronto.....	23.8	36.0	36.0

RAW COTTON: Following a decline to 19.58¢ per pound on February 2, quotations for raw cotton, 15/16" upland middling at New York, stiffened to 20.24¢ by the 28th for a net gain of 14 points during the month. Maintenance of record consumption levels coupled with scarcity of the longer staples imparted strength to the market. Indication that exports of United States cotton through the Commodity Credit Corporation were nearing completion was evidenced by a further ½¢ drop in the subsidy rate to 2¢ per pound. However the basic price of 13.25¢ per pound for certain classes of cotton exported to Canada remained unchanged. Canadian cotton consumption totalled 46,512 bales in January compared with 44,547 bales in December. Retroactive to December 1941, there has recently been an adjustment of prices for cotton yarns to February, 1941 levels.

Description	(see above dates) ¢	¢	¢
Raw cotton 15/16", per pound, at New York (Canadian funds)	13.3	22.1[x]	22.1[x]

Weekly Index Numbers of 30 Industrial Material Prices

1926=100

Month	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
February 1942	92.6	92.5	93.0	93.0	--
January 1942	91.9	92.2	92.4	92.5	92.5
December 1941	91.4	91.2	91.7	91.8	--
November 1941	90.9	91.2	91.1	91.0	--

Weekly Index Numbers of Canadian Farm Products

1926=100

Month	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
February 1942	78.5	78.3	78.5	78.6	--
January 1942	75.2	76.2	77.2	77.8	78.0
December 1941	74.5	74.2	74.3	74.7	--
November 1941	74.0	74.0	73.7	74.3	--

[x] Nominal

(1926=100)

	General Wholesale Price Index	Consumers' Goods	Producers' Goods	Building Materials	Raw and Partly Manufactured Goods	Fully and Chiefly Manufactured Goods	Canadian Farm Products		
							Field	Animal	Total
1913	64.0	62.0	67.7	67.0	63.8	64.8	56.4	77.0	64.1
1920	155.9	136.1	164.3	144.0	154.1	156.5	166.5	150.8	160.6
1929	95.6	94.7	96.1	99.0	97.5	93.0	93.8	112.5	100.8
1933	67.1	71.1	63.1	78.3	56.6	70.2	45.8	59.7	51.0
1939	75.4	75.9	70.4	89.7	67.4	75.3	54.2	81.2	64.3
1940	82.9	83.4	78.7	95.6	75.3	81.5	56.0	85.8	67.1
1939									
August	72.3	72.7	66.7	90.2	62.8	72.6	48.2	75.4	58.4
1940									
January	82.6	82.4	78.9	93.6	75.3	81.5	60.8	85.4	70.0
February	82.8	82.9	79.2	93.5	75.7	81.7	61.5	85.0	70.3
March	83.2	83.2	79.9	94.1	76.3	81.9	63.1	84.9	71.3
April	83.1	82.6	80.3	94.2	76.8	81.5	64.9	84.1	72.1
May	82.2	82.3	78.7	94.3	75.2	80.5	58.2	84.3	68.0
June	81.6	82.5	77.2	94.3	74.0	80.0	52.9	83.5	64.3
July	82.6	83.7	77.7	95.3	74.9	80.7	52.8	83.9	64.4
August	82.6	83.5	77.9	96.7	73.8	81.3	50.4	83.3	62.7
September	83.0	84.0	78.3	97.6	74.3	81.6	50.7	85.8	63.8
October	83.3	84.1	78.4	98.0	74.8	81.8	51.1	87.3	64.6
November	83.9	84.8	78.8	98.2	76.1	82.4	52.5	91.0	66.9
December	84.2	85.2	79.1	98.0	76.1	83.0	52.5	91.6	67.1
1941									
January	84.6	85.5	79.7	98.7	76.6	83.4	53.6	90.0	67.2
February	85.2	85.7	80.6	100.1	77.7	83.7	54.4	91.6	68.3
March	85.9	86.2	81.3	100.6	78.9	84.2	55.6	91.8	69.1
April	86.6	87.0	81.6	100.7	79.3	85.3	55.9	92.2	69.5
May	88.5	88.6	83.3	107.5	80.9	86.8	55.5	93.3	69.6
June	90.0	90.6	84.3	108.4	81.8	88.8	57.1	94.3	71.0
July	91.1	92.0	84.5	109.0	82.4	90.2	57.1	96.1	71.7
August	91.8	93.3	84.5	110.6	83.3	90.8	56.7	97.9	72.1
September	93.2	95.2	85.6	111.3	84.6	92.4	57.6	99.6	73.3
October	93.8	96.7	85.7	111.1	85.3	93.2	57.9	101.1	74.1
November	94.0	96.8	85.5	111.2	85.3	93.3	57.4	102.0	74.1
December	93.6	95.5	85.8	111.6	85.5	92.4	59.2	100.5	74.6
1942									
January	94.3	95.3	86.8	113.1	87.2	92.0	62.8	101.5	77.3
February	94.6	94.9	87.2	113.3	87.8	91.7	64.3	102.1	78.4

COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

	Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1940	Feb. 1941	Dec. 1941	Jan. 1942	Feb. 1942
	Total Index	527	82.9	85.4	93.6	94.3	94.6
1.	Vegetable Products	123	72.1	72.5	80.6	82.3	82.4
	Fruits	14	82.0	79.2	96.0	92.3	87.3
	Fresh	4	84.8	81.8	98.6	93.8	86.6
	Dried	4	79.1	76.0	93.6	92.6	95.7
	Canned	6	67.9	67.0	82.8	82.8	82.8
	Grains	22	55.7	54.9	57.6	60.2	61.1
	Flour and Milled Products	12	74.4	76.3	77.3	77.5	77.7
	Bakery Products	2	84.9	85.8	86.8	86.8	86.8
	Vegetable Oils	4	73.9	80.3	129.8	130.7	131.4
	Rubber and Its Products	7	69.1	71.9	75.7	75.7	75.7
	Sugar and Its Products and Glucose	8	101.3	104.0	120.4	120.4	113.0
	Tea, Coffee, Cocoa and Spices	13	88.5	93.0	119.8	121.0	121.8
	Vegetables	13	65.3	57.7	77.4	90.9	97.1
11.	Animals and Their Products	75	79.1	84.3	98.9	98.8	99.1
	Fishery Products	16	82.8	86.0	106.9	107.1	107.6
	Furs	9	58.8	74.5	92.5	76.9	76.9
	Hides and Skins	6	93.7	104.3	119.3	119.8	122.0
	Leather, Unmanufactured	9	104.1	99.2	111.9	111.9	111.9
	Boots and Shoes	2	101.2	100.4	107.7	106.0	104.5
	Live Stock	4	94.6	105.6	114.8	120.3	122.9
	Meats and Poultry	9	79.9	86.4	100.3	102.7	103.1
	Milk and Its Products	12	78.7	87.4	98.8	97.6	98.4
	Fats	5	46.4	46.3	70.3	71.9	72.3
	Eggs	3	63.9	53.7	81.9	79.1	78.9
111.	Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	64	83.8	84.5	94.9	93.3	92.2
	Cotton, Raw	2	69.6	73.2	119.0	119.0	119.0
	Cotton Fabrics	19	79.4	80.6	89.2	84.2	82.4
	Knit Goods	3	88.4	88.9	104.1	103.9	101.4
	Flax, Hemp and Jute Products	6	67.1	71.9	93.1	90.9	90.9
	Silk Hosiery	1	72.2	67.5	73.1	73.1	73.1
	Rayon Fabrics	2	69.0	69.0	69.0	69.0	68.3
	Artificial Silk Products	2	49.0	48.1	50.4	50.4	49.0
	Wool, Raw	3	91.3	93.9	94.7	94.7	94.7
	Wool Hosiery and Knit Goods	5	106.5	107.5	108.8	108.8	108.8
	Wool Cloth	6	104.8	103.5	105.2	105.2	105.2
1V.	Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	88.8	92.4	98.9	100.7	100.6
	Newsprint and Wrapping Paper	2	73.8	74.0	74.0	74.0	74.0
	Lumber	33	103.6	110.7	127.1	130.7	130.3
	Pulp	3	102.8	108.9	108.9	116.4	116.4
	Furniture	10	89.4	94.1	103.5	103.5	103.5
V.	Iron and Its Products	44	104.1	108.5	112.8	112.9	115.4
	Pig Iron and Steel Billets	3	101.7	101.7	101.7	101.7	104.8
	Rolling Mill Products	14	109.6	111.1	117.0	117.2	121.6
	Hardware	16	90.9	91.0	93.9	93.9	93.9
	Wire	3	97.2	97.2	100.4	100.4	100.4
	Scrap	5	95.9	114.1	111.9	111.9	111.9
V1.	Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	17	76.9	77.7	78.3	78.3	78.4
	Brass and Copper Products	5	83.5	85.7	86.6	86.7	86.7
	Lead and Its Products	2	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1
	Tin Ingots	2	87.6	88.2	93.7	92.7	96.0
	Zinc and Its Products	2	58.7	58.9	59.1	59.1	59.1
	Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products (V and V1 above)	61	95.0	97.6	101.3	101.4	103.1

COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1940	Feb. 1941	Dec. 1941	Jan. 1942	Feb. 1942
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	81	89.3	91.4	99.3	99.3	99.3
Clay and Allied Material Products	10	86.5	88.5	94.2	94.2	94.2
Coal	13	101.3	104.7	111.6	111.6	111.6
Coke	4	121.4	121.4	122.5	122.5	122.5
Manufactured Gas	3	102.5	102.9	103.5	103.5	103.5
Glass and Its Products	6	94.8	99.6	104.4	104.4	104.4
Petroleum Products	5	70.9	72.4	85.1	85.1	85.1
Asphalt	2	103.0	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3
Salt	4	116.6	116.6	130.6	130.6	130.6
Lime	4	101.8	101.8	111.8	111.8	111.8
Cement	1	98.4	99.2	106.5	106.5	106.5
Sand and Gravel	8	84.8	87.6	89.6	89.6	89.6
Crushed Stone	3	67.6	73.1	87.6	87.6	87.6
Building Stone	3	64.3	64.3	70.8	70.8	70.8
Asbestos	8	74.0	74.1	74.1	74.1	74.1
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	74	87.9	91.9	103.8	103.8	104.0
Inorganic Chemicals	22	88.0	89.6	89.4	89.1	88.8
Organic Chemicals	5	77.7	82.3	90.4	90.4	90.4
Coal Tar Products	2	90.0	89.9	91.1	91.1	91.1
Dyeing and Tanning Materials	10	124.1	126.9	136.4	136.4	136.4
Explosives	2	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1
Paints, Prepared	1	71.8	71.8	82.5	82.5	82.5
Drugs and Pharmaceutical Chemicals	9	118.2	141.4	172.9	172.9	174.0
Fertilizers	10	85.6	88.1	88.1	88.1	88.1
Industrial Gases	2	87.2	85.1	83.6	82.6	83.0

PURPOSE CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

I. CONSUMERS' GOODS (Groups A and B)	216	83.4	85.7	95.5	95.3	94.9
A. Foods, Beverages and Tobacco	118	79.4	82.5	95.0	95.8	95.6
Beverages	8	94.0	96.7	123.3	124.5	125.1
Flour and Milled Products	12	74.4	76.3	77.3	77.5	77.7
Bakery Products	2	84.9	85.8	86.8	86.8	86.8
Fish	16	82.8	86.0	106.9	107.1	107.6
Fruits	14	82.0	79.2	96.0	92.3	87.3
Meats and Poultry	9	79.9	86.4	100.3	102.7	103.1
Milk and Milk Products	12	78.7	87.4	98.8	97.6	98.4
Sugar and Its Products	8	101.3	104.0	120.4	120.4	113.0
Vegetables	13	65.3	57.7	77.4	90.9	97.1
Eggs	3	63.9	53.7	81.9	79.1	78.9
Tobacco	7	40.8	41.7	44.2	44.2	44.2
B. Other Consumers' Goods	98	86.1	87.9	95.8	95.0	94.5
Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Rubbers, Hosiery and Underwear	48	87.4	87.4	93.9	91.9	90.8
Household Equipment and Supplies	50	85.2	88.3	97.3	97.3	97.3
II. PRODUCERS' GOODS (Groups C and D)	377	78.8	80.6	85.8	86.8	87.2
C. Producers' Equipment	24	100.0	102.3	108.6	108.5	108.5
Tools	3	91.6	91.6	98.1	98.1	98.1
Light, Heat and Power Equipment and Supplies	17	100.8	103.2	110.0	109.8	109.8
Explosives	2	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1
Miscellaneous	2	99.3	100.8	100.8	100.8	100.8

PURPOSE CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Commodity	No. of Price series	Yearly Average 1940	Feb. 1941	Dec. 1941	Jan. 1942	Feb. 1942
D. Producers' Materials	353	76.4	78.2	83.3	84.4	84.8
Building and Construction Materials	110	95.6	100.1	111.6	113.1	113.3
*Lumber	33	103.6	110.7	127.1	130.7	130.3
Paint	12	74.1	74.5	85.7	85.9	86.1
Miscellaneous	65	93.4	96.4	103.3	103.0	103.7
Manufacturers' Materials	243	73.1	74.5	78.5	79.5	80.0
Textiles and Clothing	46	81.7	82.5	90.3	88.0	86.9
Furs and Leather Goods	24	87.0	91.4	106.2	100.9	101.2
For Metal Working Industries	40	83.1	84.4	85.6	85.7	86.4
For Chemical Using Industries	42	92.7	95.1	98.2	98.0	97.8
For Meat Packing Industries	4	94.6	105.6	114.8	120.3	122.9
For Milling and Other Industries	22	55.7	54.9	57.6	60.2	61.1
Miscellaneous Producers' Materials	65	75.3	77.2	80.6	81.5	81.9

ORIGIN CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Total Raw and Partly Manufactured	224	75.3	77.7	85.5	87.2	87.8
Total Fully and Chiefly Manufactured	302	81.5	83.7	92.4	92.0	91.7
I. Articles of Farm Origin (Domestic and Foreign)						
A. Field						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	85	59.4	59.0	67.0	69.8	70.8
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured	83	79.2	81.3	89.9	89.3	87.9
(c) Total	168	70.1	71.0	79.3	80.3	80.0
B. Animal						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	36	84.1	90.1	99.4	99.0	99.4
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured	54	78.6	81.8	94.8	94.1	94.3
(c) Total	90	81.0	85.4	96.8	96.2	96.5
C. Canadian Farm Products						
(1) Field	50	56.0	54.4	59.2	62.8	64.3
(2) Animal	18	85.8	91.6	100.5	101.5	102.1
(3) Total	68	67.1	68.3	74.6	77.3	78.4
II. Articles of Marine Origin						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	7	74.6	76.3	92.4	93.1	94.3
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured	9	81.3	86.4	114.0	113.9	113.8
(c) Total	16	79.5	83.7	108.2	108.3	108.5
III Articles of Forest Origin						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	37	103.4	110.2	121.6	126.4	126.1
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured	20	75.5	76.2	77.5	77.5	77.5
(c) Total	57	88.5	92.0	98.1	100.3	100.2
IV. Articles of Mineral Origin						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	59	88.9	91.4	94.0	93.9	94.0
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured	136	92.0	93.9	100.8	100.8	101.7
(c) Total	195	90.6	92.8	97.8	97.7	98.3

*Includes both domestic and export prices.

WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES
(All prices given in Canadian funds)

Commodity		Yearly Average 1940	Feb. 1941	Dec. 1941	Jan. 1942	Feb. 1942
		$	$	$	$	$
OATS, No.2 C.W. Ft.William and Pt.Arthur cash basis	Bush.	.351	.336	.470	.508	.500
WHEAT, No.1 Man. Northern Ft.William and Pt.Arthur cash basis	Bush.	.772	.752	.744	.770	.780
FLOUR, First Patent, 2-98's cotton, Toronto		5.706	5.850	5.050	5.050	5.050
SUGAR, granulated, Montreal	Cwt.	5.765	5.893	6.893	6.893	6.393
RUBBER, Ceylon, ribbed, smoked sheets, f.o.b.New York	Lb.	.236	.252	.275	.275	.275
LINSEED OIL, Raw, Montreal	Gal.	.853	.790	.870	.870	.885
(A) CATTLE, Steers, good up to 1050 lbs. Toronto	Cwt.	7.858	8.580	8.900	9.350	9.710
(B) HOGS, Bl, Dressed, Toronto	Cwt.	8.700	11.260	14.890	15.310	15.160
BEEF HIDES, Packer Hides, Native Steers, Toronto	Lb.	.136	.139	.150	.150	.150
LEATHER, Packer crops, No.1 and 11, f.o.b. Distributing points	Lb.	.461	.460	.480	.480	.480
BOX SIDES D, f.o.b. Ont. factory	Ft.	.251	.190	.240	.240	.240
BUTTER, Creamery prints, first grade Montreal	Lb.	.275	.344	.353	.355	.359
CHEESE, Canadian old, large, Montreal	Lb.	.230	.140	.370	.340	.340
EGGS, Grade "A" large, Montreal	Doz.	.319	.253	.384	.371	.360
COTTON, raw 1" - 1 1/16" Hamilton	Lb.	.136	.140	.223	.223	.223
COTTON YARNS, 10's white single Hosiery cops, Mill	Lb.	.301	.293	.350	.350	.315
WOOL, eastern bright ¼ blood domestic, f.o.b. Ontario	Lb.	.303	.310	.310	.310	.310
WOOL, western range, semi-bright ½ blood, domestic f.o.b. Ontario	Lb.	.238	.250	.260	.260	.260
(C) PULP, groundwood, No.1 delivered, New England	Ton	32.281	44.000	44.000	49.500	49.500
STEEL, Merchant bars, mild Mill	100 Lbs.	2.550	2.550	2.754	2.754	2.754
PIG IRON, foundry No.1, f.o.b. plant	Gross Ton	25.500	25.500	25.500	25.500	25.500
COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic Montreal	Cwt.	11.455	11.500	11.500	11.500	11.500
LEAD, domestic, f.o.b. carlots Montreal	Cwt.	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000
TIN INGOTS, Straits, f.o.b. Toronto	Lb.	.604	.606	.620	.620	.620
ZINC, domestic, f.o.b. carlots Montreal	Cwt.	5.150	5.150	5.150	5.150	5.150
COAL, Anthracite, Toronto f.o.b. carlots	Ton	11.422	11.889	12.499	12.499	12.499
COAL, Bituminous, N.S. run of mine	Ton	5.500	5.500	5.700	5.700	5.700
Gasolene, Standard Toronto	Gal.	.159	.165	.215	.215	.215
SULPHURIC ACID 66° Baume f.o.b. works	Net Ton	17.000	17.000	18.000	18.000	18.000

(A) Previous to 1941 - Steers good over 1050 pounds.
(B) Dressed weight grading. Price per cwt. 1/3 higher than previous live grading "bacon hogs".
(C) Previous to 1941 f.o.b. Mill.

PRICE INDEX NUMBER SYNOPSIS

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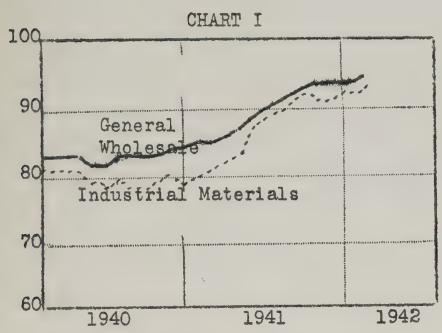

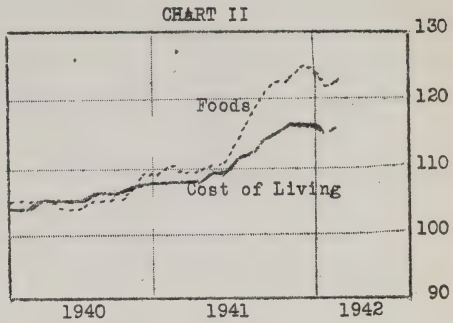

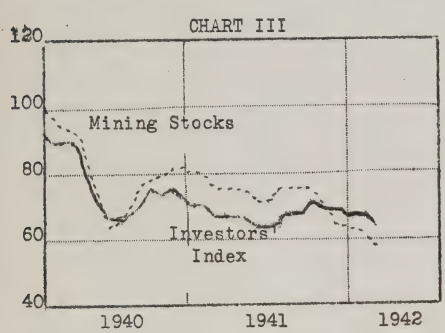

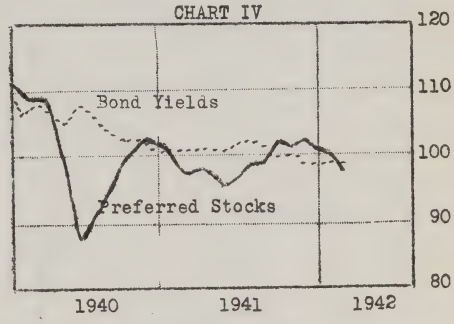

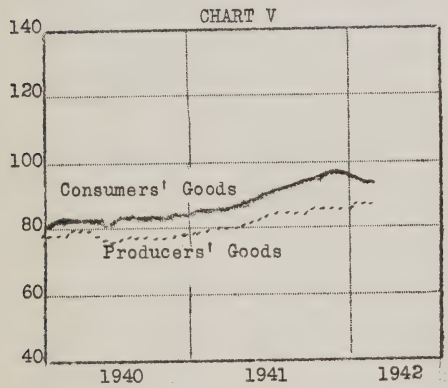

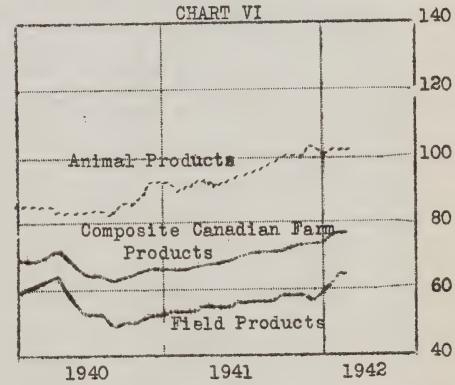

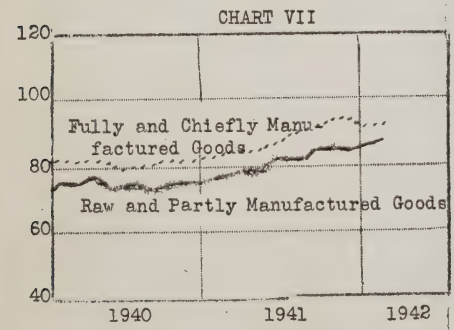

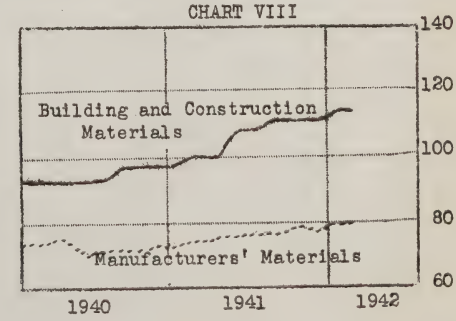

INDEX NUMBER OF LIVING COSTS IN CANADA, FEBRUARY 2, 1942.

(Calculations based on prices for the first business day of each month)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of living costs on the base 1935-1939=100, rose from 115.4 on January 2nd to 115.7 on February 2nd. A few increases among food prices and certain miscellaneous items, offset to some extent by a fractional decline in clothing, accounted for the advance. Living costs on February 2nd were 14.8 per cent above the August 1, 1939, level.

An index for 46 food items moved up from 122.3 to 123.1, influenced by increases for potatoes, onions, tea and meats. Eggs and oranges recorded moderate declines.

The miscellaneous index advanced from 106.8 to 107.1 following increases in health costs and life insurance premium rates.

An index for retail prices excluding rents and services was 120.3 in February as compared with 119.9 in January.

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS, 1913-FEBRUARY 2, 1942.

(1935-1939=100)

	Percentage Increase Since Aug.1, 1939	Total Index	Food Index	Rent Index	Fuel and Lighting Index	Clothing Index	Home Furnishings and Miscellaneous Index		Retail Prices Index (Commodities only)
							Home furnishings and Services Index	Miscellaneous Index	
1913		79.7	88.3	74.3	76.9	88.0	70.3		-
1914		80.0	91.9	72.1	75.4	88.9	70.3		-
1917		104.5	133.3	75.8	83.8	130.3	81.5		-
1918		118.3	152.8	80.2	92.2	152.3	91.4		-
1920		150.5	188.1	100.2	119.9	213.1	110.3		-
1926		121.8	133.3	115.9	116.8	139.1	106.1		-
1929		121.7	134.7	119.7	112.6	134.8	105.0		-
1930		120.8	131.5	122.7	111.8	130.6	105.4		-
1934		95.6	92.7	93.2	102.1	97.1	97.8		-
1935		96.2	94.6	94.0	100.9	97.6	95.4	98.7	95.9
1936		98.1	97.8	96.1	101.5	99.3	97.2	99.1	98.1
1937		101.2	103.2	99.7	98.9	101.4	101.5	100.1	102.0
1938		102.2	103.8	103.1	97.7	100.9	102.4	101.2	102.8
1939		101.5	100.6	103.8	101.2	100.7	101.4	101.4	101.0
1940		105.6	105.6	106.3	107.1	109.2	107.2	102.3	106.6
1939 Aug.1		100.8	99.3	103.8	99.0	100.1	100.9	101.3	100.0
1940 Nov.1	6.9	107.8	108.7	107.7	108.5	113.5	110.0	102.8	109.7
Dec.2	7.1	108.0	109.1	107.7	108.5	113.5	110.7	102.8	110.0
1941 Jan.2	7.4	108.3	109.7	107.7	108.6	113.7	110.8	103.1	110.4
Feb.1	7.3	108.2	108.8	107.7	108.7	114.1	111.5	103.1	110.1
Mar.1	7.3	108.2	109.0	107.7	108.9	114.2	111.6	102.9	110.2
Apr.1	7.7	108.6	110.1	107.7	108.9	114.3	111.7	102.9	110.7
May 1	8.5	109.4	109.7	109.7	109.2	114.5	111.8	105.1	110.9
June 2	9.6	110.5	112.5	109.7	110.2	114.9	112.1	105.6	112.7
July 2	11.0	111.9	114.6	109.7	110.5	115.1	113.0	105.6	114.9
Aug.1	12.8	113.7	121.3	109.7	110.5	115.7	114.3	106.1	117.7
Sept.2	13.8	114.7	123.3	109.7	110.9	117.4	115.8	106.4	119.4
Oct.1	14.6	115.5	123.2	111.2	112.1	119.6	117.3	106.5	120.1
Nov.1	15.4	116.3	125.4	111.2	112.7	120.0	117.9	106.7	121.4
Dec.1	14.9	115.8	123.8	111.2	112.7	119.9	117.9	106.7	120.6
1942 Jan.2	14.5	115.4	122.3	111.2	112.9	119.9	118.0	106.8	119.9
Feb.2	14.8	115.7	123.1	111.2	112.9	119.8	118.0	107.1	120.3

Order-in-Council P.C.8253 (October 27, 1941) provides for a cost-of-living bonus of 25 cents per week for each one per cent of increase in the official index number measured from August, 1939. For convenience the percentage increase each month as compared with August, 1939, is shown in the left-hand column.

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS IN EIGHT REGIONAL CITIES
(August 1939=100)

	Halifax	Saint John	Montreal	Toronto	Winnipeg	Saskatoon	Edmonton	Vancouver
				General Cost of Living				
1940								
August	107.5	105.4	107.1	104.2	104.6	105.3	103.7	103.7
1941								
August	111.6	112.5	115.3	111.7	110.3	113.1	109.8	110.4
October	112.7	113.2	116.3	114.0	112.2	115.7	111.4	112.3
December	113.1	114.5	116.8	114.5	113.1	116.4	111.4	112.4
1942								
February	113.5	115.2	117.1	114.5	112.4	115.7	110.9	112.1
				Foods				
1940								
August	112.3	108.4	106.0	104.5	107.9	106.1	104.6	105.8
1941								
August	124.6	120.4	125.0	119.6	119.5	120.2	118.9	120.4
October	124.7	119.4	125.9	122.3	121.6	126.1	121.8	124.0
December	126.4	122.5	126.5	123.5	124.1	127.1	121.1	124.1
1942								
February	127.3	124.1	127.1	123.2	121.7	124.9	119.4	122.8
				Rent				
1940								
August	106.8	100.0	109.3	102.9	101.2	104.0	100.3	99.2
1941								
August	103.7	105.9	108.3	106.1	104.3	112.9	100.0	99.4
October	104.2	107.3	108.3	108.5	104.4	113.1	100.0	99.4
December	104.2	107.3	108.3	108.5	104.4	113.1	100.0	99.4
1942								
February	104.2	107.3	108.3	108.5	104.4	113.1	100.0	99.4
				Fuel and Lighting				
1940								
August	104.1	104.3	113.6	110.0	104.6	107.0	104.9	108.8
1941								
August	105.9	106.5	114.8	113.6	105.5	107.0	98.0	108.8
October	105.9	106.5	114.8	116.1	107.1	107.0	99.4	111.5
December	105.9	109.5	116.3	117.7	107.1	107.0	99.4	111.5
1942								
February	105.9	109.5	116.3	117.7	107.1	107.0	99.4	111.5
				Clothing				
1940								
August	110.2	110.6	110.6	107.3	106.9	109.6	109.7	109.3
1941								
August	112.8	116.7	119.4	113.1	110.1	114.9	116.4	114.7
October	116.4	121.0	122.5	117.3	116.6	118.3	122.1	118.3
December	116.1	120.8	123.1	117.3	117.1	119.9	122.9	118.8
1942								
February	116.1	120.7	123.1	117.2	116.8	119.2	122.7	118.8
				Home Furnishings and Services				
1940								
August	106.9	107.1	109.2	104.5	104.6	106.9	106.4	103.6
1941								
August	111.2	112.7	114.8	111.8	110.0	114.3	113.5	110.7
October	114.7	115.4	117.0	114.1	114.9	118.0	116.2	112.3
December	114.5	115.9	117.5	114.1	115.3	120.2	117.0	113.1
1942								
February	114.7	116.1	117.5	114.1	115.7	120.1	117.1	113.1
				Miscellaneous				
1940								
August	101.9	102.7	102.2	102.0	101.8	101.8	101.6	101.0
1941								
August	104.0	106.6	104.0	106.1	105.1	104.5	105.2	104.7
October	105.3	106.9	104.5	106.8	105.3	104.6	104.6	104.9
December	105.3	107.0	104.6	106.9	105.3	104.7	104.7	104.9
1942								
February	105.7	107.6	105.1	107.3	105.6	105.0	104.9	105.2

CITY COST OF LIVING INDEX NUMBERS, FEBRUARY 2, 1942
(August 1939=100)

Between December 1 and February 2, there was a clear-cut difference in the movement of eastern and western regional city cost-of-living movements. Halifax, Saint John and Montreal indexes advances from 0.3 to 0.7 points. The Toronto series showed no net change, while indexes for the four western cities declined by amounts ranging from 0.3 to 0.7 points. Increases in western food costs and decreases in the west accounted for the differences noted in total cost of living indexes. Small declines in clothing were general, while minor increases occurred in the miscellaneous indexes of all eight cities.

INVESTORS' INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCK PRICES

Further price declines were registered on domestic security markets during February and the Investors' price index of 95 common stocks dropped 4.5 p.c. to 63.5. between January 29 and February 26. All sub-groups participated in the downward movement. The greatest losses occurred in oils, down 7.0 p.c. to 42.2, followed by transportation shares, which declined 6.8 p.c. to 60.6, power and traction stocks 5.9 p.c. to 61.1, machinery and equipment 4.8 p.c. to 71.3, textiles 4.8 p.c. to 107.2, industrial mines 4.7 p.c. to 68.8 and foods 4.6 p.c. to 82.3. From January 29 to February 26, industrials showed a decline of 5.0 p.c. against a 4.0 p.c. drop in the preceding month. Losses of 5.2 p.c. in utilities and 0.5 p.c. in banks compared with increases of 1.1 p.c. and 0.9 p.c. respectively in January. The Bureau's price index for industrial, utility and bank stocks fell from 66.8 in January to 64.7 in February.

MINING STOCK PRICES

In February additional declines occurred on Canadian mining markets, which more than tripled losses of the preceding month. The Bureau's price index for mining issues fell from 61.4 on January 29 to 55.7 on February 26, for a net loss of 9.3 p.c. Sharp declines were experienced in both gold and base metal sections in the second and third weeks, but in the fourth a mild reaction followed. Golds recorded a loss of 11.9 p.c. falling from 49.7 on January 29 to 43.8 on February 26 while base metals moved lower 6.6 p.c. from 84.8 to 79.2. The monthly price index of twenty-five mining issues receded from 61.9 in January to 57.5 in February, with the golds down 5.1 points to 45.4 and base metals 2.8 to 81.5.

GOLDS

	Feb.26	Jan.29		Feb.26	Jan.29
Beattie	$ .80	$ .90	Little Long Lac	$ 1.12	$ 1.30
Bralorne	7.25	8.55	Macassa	2.35	2.71
Buffalo-Ankerite	-	2.55	McIntyre	40.00	40.87
Cariboo Gold Quartz	1.40	1.63	Pickle Crow	2.05	2.28
Central Patricia	1.15	1.14	Pioneer	1.72	1.90
Dome	15.25	17.25	San Antonio	1.55	1.75
God's Lake	.12	.15	Siscoe	.42	.47
Hollinger	7.85	9.75	Sylvanite	1.55	1.85
Kirkland Lake	.52	.57	Teck-Hughes	2.09	2.15
Lake Shore	9.00	10.75	Uchi	.035	.05
Lamaque Gold Mines	3.80	3.85	Wright-Hargreaves	2.35	2.61

BASE METALS

Falconbridge	3.15	3.35	Noranda	45.00	48.87
Hudson Bay	26.00	27.25			

PREFERRED STOCKS

The Bureau's preferred stock price index declined 2.8 p.c. to 96.8 between January and February. This compared with a gain of 1.1 p.c. between December, 1941, and January, 1942. Practically all groups showed declines. Greatest recessions occurred in the Power group which dropped 3.3 p.c. followed by Pulp and Paper issues down 3.2 p.c. and Building Materials, 2.7 p.c. below January levels. Tobacco, Milling and Food groups declined more moderately to show losses of 2.5 p.c., 2.4 p.c. and 1.8 p.c. respectively, while Beverages and Machinery and Equipment issues each lost 2.3 p.c. from January averages. Oils and Textiles held firm.

INDEX NUMBERS OF 30 PREFERRED STOCK PRICES, 1935-1942
(1935-1939=100)

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1935	88.7	89.0	85.9	83.5	82.5	82.5	84.0	85.5	83.5	83.8	87.5	89.0
1936	90.3	83.1	92.0	91.7	90.0	91.9	95.9	97.2	101.1	104.7	109.9	113.3
1937	119.7	121.1	133.8	124.4	120.9	119.8	119.9	122.4	109.8	99.2	98.9	97.7
1938	100.6	99.0	93.5	94.3	96.6	98.7	105.2	104.7	98.1	106.2	105.5	104.8
1939	102.5	101.8	101.2	95.2	95.3	98.8	100.1	97.7	100.5	107.4	108.7	110.1
1940	110.7	109.7	108.8	108.9	96.7	86.9	89.0	93.9	99.1	100.7	103.0	101.7
1941	101.4	97.6	98.7	97.9	96.3	96.8	98.5	100.0	103.2	102.2	102.6	100.7
1942	99.6	96.8										

(1935-39=100)

Number of Securities 1942	GENERAL: Total 95	INDUSTRIALS: Total 68	Machinery and Equipment 8	Pulp and Paper 7	Milling 3	Oils 4	Textiles and Clothing 10	Food and Allied Products 12	Beverages 7	Building Materials 15	Industrial Mines 2	UTILITIES: Total 19	Transportation 2	Telephone Telegraph 2	Power and Traction 15	BANKS: Total 8
1939 - May	90.4	89.6	89.9	59.7	93.0	85.4	81.5	109.8	96.0	89.6	95.7	85.7	42.6	112.9	91.5	103.5
June	88.4	86.7	91.3	61.7	91.2	76.9	83.3	111.6	99.4	92.6	96.0	86.7	46.9	113.9	91.5	103.9
July	88.7	87.5	94.3	63.2	88.4	77.3	88.6	113.4	99.5	93.1	97.0	84.7	44.3	113.1	89.1	103.9
August	85.8	84.8	86.8	55.3	89.6	74.2	89.1	112.4	93.8	87.4	95.4	81.1	39.6	110.7	85.5	103.0
September..	91.2	92.5	106.2	95.1	117.6	82.6	106.6	106.3	86.5	104.5	105.2	83.7	75.9	99.4	81.0	95.8
October ...	96.6	97.3	119.2	116.5	125.3	93.3	120.6	111.3	96.8	115.7	98.6	90.7	83.5	105.1	89.6	99.0
November ..	94.4	94.5	112.8	113.0	118.9	87.3	122.9	108.5	101.6	112.5	97.4	88.7	68.2	106.6	89.7	102.9
December ..	92.2	90.9	113.6	118.0	120.0	82.0	125.5	112.1	104.2	111.6	93.0	90.7	70.8	107.7	92.3	103.1
1940 - January ...	90.9	89.1	107.4	122.0	116.5	78.2	128.0	113.9	107.9	108.3	92.2	90.7	69.9	107.4	92.3	103.3
February ..	90.2	88.6	103.8	116.5	116.0	79.4	134.4	114.8	106.8	105.5	90.2	89.9	71.2	107.1	90.8	103.0
March	90.3	87.5	107.2	114.0	113.7	78.0	135.4	115.6	107.9	105.3	88.3	93.4	84.0	107.7	92.0	104.0
April	88.4	85.1	105.9	122.4	113.0	74.1	135.7	115.0	109.9	105.2	84.9	93.4	82.7	106.1	93.2	102.4
May	73.3	69.2	82.0	81.1	91.5	62.6	119.3	102.7	94.0	83.2	65.0	78.2	57.1	99.3	78.3	97.4
June	65.5	61.2	74.5	65.2	74.1	50.3	104.2	89.7	85.2	74.3	62.7	71.0	47.3	95.6	70.8	91.3
July	66.1	62.6	73.5	69.2	79.1	50.8	110.4	90.8	91.0	73.5	65.8	70.4	49.0	91.4	70.9	85.5
August	69.3	65.8	78.7	76.2	80.6	52.4	114.0	93.5	95.9	77.5	71.2	73.6	55.0	95.3	73.2	88.1
September..	75.8	73.1	85.5	82.1	95.5	60.7	121.4	101.6	99.5	87.0	77.4	78.0	60.1	99.5	77.2	92.9
October ...	74.2	71.3	84.0	80.1	93.5	56.2	120.8	101.4	99.5	88.9	77.7	77.0	55.4	100.2	76.9	91.9
November...	74.5	71.3	86.0	82.6	81.4	54.5	121.5	100.7	105.8	91.2	77.8	78.2	62.2	101.4	76.2	92.7
December...	70.3	65.9	78.6	76.7	75.2	48.7	116.8	99.6	106.5	87.6	71.4	76.4	55.8	101.3	75.6	94.6
1941 - January ...	71.3	66.9	77.6	74.1	72.3	51.6	110.6	96.8	104.3	84.0	73.2	77.3	60.9	101.2	75.4	94.7
February ..	66.5	62.3	72.9	63.8	69.5	48.7	105.0	90.1	96.6	77.3	67.3	71.3	51.6	100.2	68.8	90.9
March	66.8	63.1	73.6	65.4	69.5	49.5	103.1	87.9	93.7	78.5	69.0	70.7	55.7	99.2	67.0	89.9
April	65.8	62.3	73.2	63.9	68.6	49.4	101.3	88.6	88.1	77.8	67.8	68.2	57.3	97.8	62.2	89.7
May	63.9	60.7	71.8	59.7	63.4	51.3	97.4	88.6	82.8	74.4	62.6	65.2	54.8	91.6	60.3	88.3
June	64.0	60.3	72.0	59.5	67.8	49.0	101.1	90.1	87.3	74.9	64.2	67.1	58.9	92.0	62.0	89.0
July	67.5	64.0	76.3	66.1	67.5	48.4	105.7	90.5	94.3	77.8	72.3	70.6	65.8	93.0	65.3	89.7
August	67.8	64.4	76.8	70.2	72.4	49.1	106.3	91.8	95.7	79.7	71.5	71.2	70.0	94.6	64.4	89.7
September..	71.0	67.5	80.5	78.5	75.1	51.3	108.4	93.3	102.4	82.4	75.8	74.7	70.3	98.6	68.8	91.2
October ...	69.1	65.5	78.3	75.5	74.5	51.2	105.7	91.9	98.7	78.9	71.7	72.5	65.7	96.8	67.2	90.8
November...	68.8	65.3	78.2	76.4	74.9	52.9	110.0	91.0	102.6	77.8	68.9	71.1	65.2	95.3	65.5	91.7
December ..	67.2	63.9	75.5	72.9	72.2	49.0	110.4	91.4	104.8	75.5	69.7	68.7	60.4	95.9	63.0	90.5
1942 - January ...	66.8	62.9	74.3	71.9	74.5	45.9	112.8	88.7	99.2	75.1	71.9	70.4	64.5	95.5	64.4	91.1
February ..	64.7	60.8	73.4	69.3	69.7	43.6	108.7	85.5	96.3	73.9	70.1	67.7	60.5	93.5	62.1	91.1

INDEX NUMBERS OF TWENTY-FIVE MINING STOCKS
(1935-39=100)

No. of Stocks 1942	Gold 22	Base Metals 3	Total Index 25
x1929 - High	76.2	127.3	89.2
Low	44.8	63.0	60.6
x1932 - High	53.6	32.9	45.2
Low	41.2	17.0	32.6
x1933 - High	95.0	57.7	81.4
Low	55.1	27.3	45.4
x1934 - High	119.0	67.1	99.9
Low	87.6	50.0	74.8
x1935 - High	111.4	84.7	95.3
Low	88.9	51.5	80.1
x1936 - High	115.7	128.9	118.8
Low	100.5	82.3	94.4
x1937 - High	180.0	142.7	125.6
Low	84.7	73.3	80.8
x1938 - High	106.6	129.1	112.2
Low	89.3	82.8	87.3
x1939 - High	105.7	130.1	113.5
Low	82.5	109.6	91.9
x1940 - High	92.1	122.4	102.2
Low	55.8	69.5	60.5
x1941 - High	75.2	96.1	80.6
Low	50.7	80.6	61.0
1939			
September	84.6	119.4	96.0
October	90.5	119.9	100.9
November	90.3	121.7	100.9
December	89.2	119.3	99.3
1940			
January	91.1	119.6	100.9
February	86.5	115.3	96.2
March	82.0	112.8	92.5
April	81.3	110.8	91.2
May	67.6	88.5	74.5
June	57.7	74.7	63.4
July	59.1	75.1	64.8
August	64.6	83.7	71.0
September	70.8	91.0	77.5
October	72.9	91.3	79.2
November	76.3	94.5	82.4
December	74.9	90.0	80.2
1941			
January	74.4	89.2	79.4
February	70.6	83.2	74.9
March	70.0	84.7	75.1
April	69.0	87.6	75.1
May	66.1	81.2	71.2
June	64.4	83.9	71.0
July	66.2	91.3	74.6
August	66.0	91.7	74.6
September	66.0	94.0	75.4
October	60.8	87.4	69.7
November	54.9	85.0	65.0
December	52.2	84.8	63.2
1942			
January	50.5	84.3	61.9
February	45.4	81.5	57.5
Weekly Index Numbers			
Week ending February 5th	48.5	85.1	60.7
" " " 12th	46.1	82.6	58.4
" " " 19th	43.1	78.9	55.1
" " " 26th	43.8	79.2	55.7
" " March 5th	43.2	77.1	54.5

x Weekly figures.

INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELDS

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index of Dominion of Canada long-term bond yields, on the base 1935-1939=100, declined from 99.4 for January to 99.3 for February. This was a return to the December level, and was 1.5 below February 1941. Reflecting yield movements in slightly more detail, the weekly index fell from 99.6 to 99.3 in the week of February 4, but continued steady during the balance of the month. The Second Victory Loan was offered for sale on February 16, and was heavily oversubscribed. In the provincial section, movements were mixed, and moderate in extent. Based upon information furnished by Wood, Gundy and Company, Limited, an index of representative Province of Ontario bond yields rose from 93.2 for January to 93.8 for February, and the average yield of the issues included in the index increased from 3.28 to 3.30.

British Consols declined from 82 7/8 to 82 1/8, while the Dow-Jones average of selected United States bonds closed .03 lower at 90.24.

MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELDS, 1935-1942.

(1935-1939=100)

	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942
January	106.5	95.2	102.2	97.3	109.3	100.6	99.4
February	103.6	100.1	100.8	97.2	107.2	100.8	99.3
March	102.4	106.4	100.3	95.4	107.9	100.5	-
April	101.8	107.2	97.4	96.3	105.5	100.6	-
May	100.9	106.4	96.2	97.8	104.5	101.1	-
June	98.0	105.6	98.0	95.7	107.8	101.9	-
July	95.5	104.4	98.7	96.0	107.0	101.5	-
August	92.6	102.9	98.8	98.6	104.3	101.2	-
September	91.8	103.2	101.9	117.0	103.1	100.3	-
October	96.0	106.2	99.3	111.9	102.6	100.2	-
November	94.7	105.7	97.4	108.4	101.9	99.1	-
December	93.3	102.9	97.2	110.5	101.0	99.3	-

WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BONDS, 1941-1942

Date			Yields
1941	- December	3	99.0
	"	10	99.0
	"	17	99.6
	"	24	99.6
	"	31	99.3
1942	- January	7	99.3
	"	14	99.3
	"	21	99.3
	"	28	99.6
	February	4	99.3
		11	99.3
		18	99.3
		25	99.3

MONTHLY INDEXES OF AMERICAN STOCK PRICES, 1938 - 1941.
(Issued by Standard and Poor's Trade Securities)
(1935-1939=100)

	Composite	Industrials	Railroads	Utilities
1938 - March	79.2	80.7	64.2	77.5
April	76.5	78.0	56.7	76.6
May	78.0	78.9	57.8	81.1
June	79.7	80.9	56.9	82.3
July	93.6	95.9	73.8	89.6
August	94.0	97.0	73.0	87.2
September	89.6	92.7	65.5	83.2
October	98.5	101.2	77.8	92.7
November	99.4	102.1	79.1	94.0
December	97.1	100.0	76.4	90.7
Year	88.2	90.1	69.5	85.6
1939 - January	97.0	98.7	79.0	94.9
February	95.1	96.0	74.3	97.9
March	96.0	96.6	77.7	99.6
April	85.0	85.1	63.9	92.5
May	98.4	88.3	67.0	96.8
June	89.9	89.9	67.5	98.1
July	91.8	91.8	69.2	100.1
August	90.7	90.4	66.8	101.1
September	99.7	101.3	82.4	98.4
October	100.7	101.8	87.2	100.4
November	98.9	99.6	82.8	101.8
December	97.0	97.6	78.4	101.3
Year	95.1	94.8	74.7	98.8
1940 - January	97.1	97.7	77.7	103.0
February	96.8	97.1	76.5	102.4
March	96.7	97.3	76.7	101.6
April	98.1	98.7	77.3	102.6
May	85.1	85.2	65.4	92.3
June	78.1	77.3	60.8	88.5
July	85.8	79.3	65.2	93.9
August	81.6	80.3	66.0	93.5
September	85.5	84.6	71.6	94.7
October	86.0	85.4	72.6	93.7
November	86.7	86.6	73.6	92.3
December	84.9	84.9	70.0	90.6
Year	88.5	87.9	71.1	95.8
1941 - January	85.0	84.7	73.4	91.1
February	80.1	79.4	70.0	87.1
March	80.3	79.6	70.6	87.1
April	77.9	77.3	71.2	83.1
May	77.1	77.3	70.7	78.9
June	79.5	79.7	70.9	81.6
July	83.2	84.2	73.8	81.8
August	83.2	84.3	74.4	81.0
September	83.6	84.8	72.6	81.3
October	80.4	81.6	70.3	78.5
November	77.4	78.6	68.4	74.5
December	71.8	73.8	61.0	66.2
1942 - January	72.6	74.3	69.0	66.1
February				

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PRICES MOVEMENTS, MARCH, 1942

WHOLESALE: The weekly composite index for 30 industrial materials, following a minor advance to a mid-March level of 93.5 subsequently declined to its opening level of 93.3 on March 27. Sub-group indexes remained unchanged with the exception of the food series which recorded a net increase of 0.2 points to 84.4 due to higher prices for oats, and steers. During March the weekly index of Canadian farm product prices stiffened 0.2 points to 78.7 due to strength in both the field and animal product sub-sections. In the field products series higher prices for grains, onions and hay more than counterbalanced lower potato quotations, and the index advanced 0.2 points to 64.4 between February 27 and March 27. Animal products rose a like amount to an index level of 102.7 as the month closed, reflecting higher quotations for livestock as well as minor increases for hides and skins and fluid milk.

COST OF LIVING: (Wartime increase 15.0 per cent-from 100.8 to 115.9). The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index increased from 115.7 on February 2 to 115.9 on March 2. This index has risen 15.0 per cent between August 1939 and March 1942. The March increase was due entirely to the food index which moved up from 123.1 to 123.7. Small advances occurred for butter, meats and fish, potatoes and bananas, while eggs and lemons declined moderately. Other group indexes remained unchanged, as follows: rents 111.2, fuel and light 112.9, clothing 119.8, home furnishings and services 118.0, and miscellaneous items 107.1.

SECURITIES: Dropping to its lowest level since May 1933 the Investors' index for 95 common stocks declined from 63.5 for February 26 to 61.7 on March 12. The month's close at 61.8 on March 26 was only fractionally higher. Largely accounting for the decrease were declines in all sub-groups in the industrial section which lowered the index for this series from 59.4 to 57.0 between February 26 and March 26. The sharpest group losses were noted for foods and allied products, down 8.9 points at 73.4; textiles and clothing, off 4.2 points at 103.0, and beverages 3.7 points lower at 92.7. During the same interval utility stocks stiffened 1.1 points to 68.1 due to a firmer tone for power and traction shares. Bank stocks were off 1.3 points at 89.3. In the mining section lower quotations for both golds and base metal issues moved the composite index for 25 representative mining shares down 5.2 points to 50.5 for March 26, the lowest points touched since 1933. The gold index at 38.3 on March 26 compared with 43.8 a month earlier, while the base metal series declined 4.5 points to 74.7 in March. There was a stronger tone for Dominion of Canada long-term bond yields, an index based on a 15-year 3 p.c. theoretical bond being 0.6 points higher at 99.9 as the month closed.

REVIEW OF IMPORTANT COMMODITY MARKETS

WHEAT AND OTHER GRAINS: With the exception of rye, cash grain prices, basis in store Fort William and Port Arthur, moved moderately higher in March. As the month closed No. I Manitoba Northern wheat stood at 78½¢ per bushel compared with 76 I/8¢ at the end of February. Lower grades of bread wheats were correspondingly firmer. From the commencement of the current crop year on August 1, 1941 to March 31, 1942 overseas clearances of Canadian wheat and flour have totalled 99,774,489 bushels compared with 86,726,987 bushels in the corresponding period of the previous season. Recently wheat exports to the United Kingdom have been reduced to a minimum by British importers to increase shipping space for other supplies. Paralleling this move the British government announced that after April 6 only whole meal flour would be sold. This would mean a flour extraction of almost 100 p.c. as compared with a former extraction of approximately 85 p.c.

In the southern hemisphere the export outlook continued to receive most of the attention. While freight rates from the Argentine to the United States were reduced to $15 per ton the Argentine export position was still unfavourable because of the shortage of shipping space. Due largely to this poor export outlook, reports from the Argentine estimate that land sown to wheat this season may be as much as 10 p.c. below last season's acreage. In Australia the state of Western Australia was ordered to reduce its wheat acreage by I/3 this season because of the unfavourable export situation. Farmers in this area will be compensated by a government payment of 16¢ per bushel (United States funds) for every bushel reduction. Australian farmers will receive a guaranteed wheat price of 51¼¢ per bushel (United States funds) for this season's crop up to a maximum of 140 million bushels. From Europe emanated reports of continued grain shortages which promise to become worse before the next harvest is available.

In the domestic coarse grains section, higher prices were general; oats No. 2 C.W. advanced 1 3/8¢ at 50 5/8¢ per bushel and barley, No. 1 feed an equal amount to 61¢ per bushel between February 28 and March 31. At $1.64 per bushel on March 31, No. 1 C.W. flax showed an increase of 2¢ during the month while rye No. 2 C.W. eased ½ a cent to

64 3/8¢ in the same interval.

Description (Basis cash per bushel, Ft. William and Pt. Arthur)	1941 March ¢	1942 February ¢	1942 March ¢
No.1 Manitoba Northern wheat	76.2	78.0	78.0
No.2 Canada Western oats	35.3	50.0	50.0
No.2 Canada Western rye	51.8	64.8	64.3
No.1 feed barley	50.7	60.0	60.8
No.1 Canada Western flax	172.6	161.6	163.8

FLOUR AND OTHER MILLED PRODUCTS: Spring wheat flour prices were unchanged during March. At Toronto first patent flour, carlots, was quoted at $5.05 per barrel of 2-98's cotton, throughout the month, while prices for a similar grade at Winnipeg continued steady at $5.30 per barrel. During the same interval Ontario winter wheat flour gained 10¢ to $5.70 per barrel, carlots, Montreal rate points. While there was little demand for this type of flour at current quotations an artificial scarcity of wheat for milling has developed. Domestic demand for spring wheat flour was about normal according to millers' reports. In the export section sales were reported on a fairly substantial scale to the United Kingdom, while some trade with the West Indies was indicated. Shipments to this latter area were, however, hindered by lack of freight space. Despite a drop in demand from mid-winter peaks, oatmeal and rolled oats prices at Toronto remained firm at February levels of $4.00 per 90-lb sack for the former and $3.25 per 80-lb bag for the latter. For milled feeds demand continued to exceed supply, largely because of their relative cheapness in relation to feed grains. Some exports to the United States were reported under permit where prices were $9 to $10 per ton above domestic levels. Quotations for bran and shorts, Ontario and Montreal Lake and rail points were $24.00 and $25.00 per ton respectively (less freight subsidy).

Description		(see above dates)	
	$	$	$
Flour No.1 patent, per barrel, f.o.b. Ontario and Montreal lake and rail points..	5.85	5.05	5.05
Rolled Oats, Toronto, per 80-lb bag	2.45	3.25	3.25
Bran, carlots, f.o.b. Ontario Lake and rail points	26.25	24.00	24.00

LIVESTOCK: Livestock markets continued to show strength in March and an index of prices rose to 126.0 or 2½ p.c. above February levels. All classes, calves excepted, averaged higher. Steers advanced more than 3 p.c., lambs almost 2 p.c., hogs moved up fractionally, while calf markets dropped more than 1 p.c. Cattle markets were sensitive to the volume of offerings, with the trade limited largely to domestic demand as exports to the United States were light. Marketings for the month aggregated 93,089 head compared with 76,861 in February. Good steers up to 1050 pounds rose from $9.90 to $10.08 per cwt. between the weeks of March 5 and 12. Prices reacted in the following week but were again moving upward as the month closed. At Winnipeg there was a steady drop till the closing week, when the market recovered to close at $9.19 per cwt., 15¢ below the opening level. Good veal calves sold at prices ranging from $14.51 to $14.68 at Toronto, during the month, and from $11.70 to $11.84 per cwt. at Winnipeg. Hog prices varied narrowly but closed slightly easier. Shipments to yards and plants at 507,007 head were [illegible] head less than in February but 41,900 above March 1941.

Descriptions		(see above dates)	
	$	$	$
Good steers up to 1050 pounds per cwt. at Toronto.....	8.62	9.71	10.00
Winnipeg.....	8.10	8.88	9.29
Good veal calves, per cwt. at Toronto.....	11.59	14.62	14.61
Winnipeg.....	9.84	12.16	11.76
Hogs BI dressed weight per cwt. at Toronto..	11.33	15.16	15.29
Winnipeg.	10.35	14.12	14.17
Lambs good handyweight per cwt. at Toronto.....	11.14	12.45	12.76
Winnipeg.....	10.03	11.15	11.46

BUTTER: First grade creamery prints at six typical Canadian cities averaged 35.8¢ per pound ½¢ above both the February 1942 and March 1941 levels. Steady demand brought apparent consumption up to 22,152 000 pounds compared with a disappearance of 20,712, 000 pounds in the previous month. Offerings were light and in the eastern markets of Montreal and Toronto the situation was relieved by shipments from western areas during the first half of the month. Later these ceased and supplies became so scarce that brokers reported difficulty in filling orders. At Vancouver, butter from the Prairies continued to be offered throughout the month with prices for fresh grades,

delivered, holding at 34¢ - 34¼¢ and regraded at 33¾¢ - 34¢ per lb. As computed by the Agricultural Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, stocks of creamery butter in cold storage plants and dairies fell from 20,362,000 pounds on March 1 to 10,552,000 pounds on April 1. March production at 11,662,000 pounds was about 2,250,000 pounds greater than the February output.

Description	1941 March ¢	1942 February ¢	1942 March ¢
Jobbing price of first grade creamery prints per lb at Montreal	36.0	35.9	36.3
Toronto	36.0	35.7	36.4

EGGS: March prices of fresh eggs at eight representative Canadian cities averaged 3 p.c. below February levels but remained almost 42p.c. above corresponding 1941 levels. Grade A's dropped 2¢ per dozen, B's 1¢ and C's showed a fractional loss. Practically all this loss occurred in the first week of the month when the domestic market eased as the lower contract price of eggs for export became effective. Despite increased offerings, the market then steadied and held relatively firm for the rest of the month. Buying by the Special Products Board on export account was the chief strengthening factor. Drying plants operated steadily and during the week of the 27th another plant was brought into operation. It was estimated that by the end of the first week of April, shipments of dried eggs to seaboard would approximate three - quarters of a million pounds. Increased volume of eggs was taken by hatcheries and in some cases supplies for this purpose were said to be inadequate. Demand for the Easter consumption trade was heavy in the latter part of March. Stocks in cold storage were calculated by the Agricultural Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at 3,633,000 dozen on April 1 compared with 1,748,000 dozen on the first of the previous month and 1,106,000 dozen on April 1, 1941.

Description	(see above dates) ¢	¢	¢
Price to retailers for Grade A large per dozen at Montreal	24.8	36.0	34.1
Toronto	22.9	36.0	34.0

LUMBER AND TIMBER: The Bureau's representative list of lumber and timber prices on an f.o.b. mill basis was steady during March with the exception of an upward movement in pine lumber and timber. A price index for pine advanced 4.9 points to 131.6 between February and March. Other groups held unchanged at 128.8 for spruce; 104.8 for hardwoods; 148.4 for hemlock; 125.9 for fir and 156.7 for cedar. While domestic war orders continued to dominate the industry, exports to the United Kingdom and the United States were important market factors. British Columbia rail shipments to the eastern seaboard for the United Kingdom market were reported to be running at the rate of 30 million feet per month. Exports to the United States continued to run at a high level; restrictions on imports of United States oak for flooring recently were announced.

Description (Price Indexes 1926=100)	(see above dates)		
Pine lumber	117.0	126.7	131.6
Spruce lumber	110.6	128.8	128.8
Cedar lumber	115.4	156.7	156.7
Fir lumber	106.2	125.9	125.9
Hemlock lumber	117.3	148.4	148.4

Weekly Index Numbers of 30 Industrial Material Prices
1926=100

Month	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
March 1942	93.3	93.5	93.4	x93.3	
February 1942	92.6	92.5	x93.3	93.3	--
January 1942	91.9	92.2	92.4	92.5	92.5
December 1941	91.4	91.2	91.7	91.8	--

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Weekly Index Numbers of Canadian Farm Products
1926=100

Month	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
March 1942	78.4	78.6	78.7	78.7	
February 1942	78.5	78.3	78.5	78.6	--
January 1942	75.2	76.2	77.2	77.8	78.0
December 1941	74.5	74.2	74.3	74.7	--

SUMMARY TABLES OF CANADIAN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS
(1926=100)

	General Wholesale Price Index	Consumers' Goods	Producers' Goods	Building Materials	Raw and Partly Manufactured Goods	Fully and Chiefly Manufactured Goods	Canadian Farm Products		
							Field	Animal	Total
1913	64.0	62.0	67.7	67.0	63.8	64.8	56.4	77.0	64.1
1920	155.9	136.1	164.3	144.0	154.1	156.5	166.5	150.8	160.6
1929	95.6	94.7	96.1	99.0	97.5	93.0	93.8	112.5	100.8
1933	67.1	71.1	63.1	78.3	56.6	70.2	45.8	59.7	51.0
1939	75.4	75.9	70.4	89.7	67.4	75.3	54.2	81.2	64.3
1940	82.9	83.4	78.7	95.6	75.3	81.5	56.0	85.8	67.1
1941	90.0	91.1	83.6	107.3	81.8	88.8	56.5	95.9	71.2
August 1939	72.3	72.7	66.7	90.2	62.8	72.6	48.2	75.4	58.4
1940									
February	82.8	82.9	79.2	93.5	75.7	81.7	61.5	85.0	70.3
March	83.2	83.2	79.9	94.1	76.3	81.9	63.1	84.9	71.3
April	83.1	82.6	80.3	94.2	76.8	81.5	64.9	84.1	72.1
May	82.2	82.3	78.7	94.3	75.2	80.5	58.2	84.3	68.0
June	81.6	82.5	77.2	94.3	74.0	80.0	52.9	83.5	64.3
July	82.6	83.7	77.7	95.3	74.9	80.7	52.8	83.9	64.4
August	82.6	83.5	77.9	96.7	73.8	81.3	50.4	83.3	62.7
September	83.0	84.0	78.3	97.6	74.3	81.6	50.7	85.8	63.8
October	83.3	84.1	78.4	98.0	74.8	81.8	51.1	87.3	64.6
November	83.9	84.8	78.8	98.2	76.1	82.4	52.5	91.0	66.9
December	84.2	85.2	79.1	98.0	76.1	83.0	52.5	91.6	67.1
1941									
January	84.6	85.5	79.7	98.7	76.6	83.4	53.6	90.0	67.2
February	85.2	85.7	80.6	100.1	77.7	83.7	54.4	91.6	68.3
March	85.9	86.2	81.3	100.6	78.9	84.2	55.6	91.8	69.1
April	86.6	87.0	81.6	100.7	79.3	85.3	55.9	92.2	69.5
May	88.5	88.6	83.3	107.5	80.9	86.8	55.5	93.3	69.6
June	90.0	90.6	84.3	108.4	81.8	88.8	57.1	94.3	71.0
July	91.1	92.0	84.5	109.0	82.4	90.2	57.1	96.1	71.7
August	91.8	93.3	84.5	110.6	83.3	90.8	56.7	97.9	72.1
September	93.2	95.2	85.6	111.3	84.6	92.4	57.6	99.6	73.3
October	93.8	96.7	85.7	111.1	85.3	93.2	57.9	101.1	74.1
November	94.0	96.8	85.5	111.2	85.3	93.3	57.4	102.0	74.1
December	93.6	95.5	85.8	111.6	85.5	92.4	59.2	100.5	74.6
1942									
January	94.3	95.3	86.8	113.1	87.2	92.0	62.8	101.5	77.3
February	94.6	94.9	87.2	113.3	87.8	91.7	64.3	102.1	78.4
March	95.1	95.4	87.4	114.2	88.4	92.1	64.6	102.7	78.8

COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

	Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1941	March 1941	Jan. 1942	Feb. 1942	March 1942
	Total Index	527	90.0	86.0	94.3	94.6	95.1
1.	Vegetable Products	123	77.0	73.7	82.3	83.1	83.3
	Fruits	14	88.6	80.1	92.3	87.3	92.4
	Fresh	4	91.8	82.9	93.8	86.6	94.1
	Dried	4	82.2	76.7	92.6	95.7	91.7
	Canned	6	75.5	67.0	82.8	82.8	82.8
	Grains	22	56.2	56.4	60.2	61.1	61.0
	x Flour and Milled Products	12	77.2	76.8	75.3	75.3	75.5
	Bakery Products	2	86.3	85.8	86.8	86.8	86.8
	Vegetable Oils	4	109.8	87.2	130.7	131.4	132.4
	Rubber and Its Products	7	74.2	72.7	75.7	75.7	75.7
	Sugar and Its Products and Glucose	8	115.9	104.2	120.4	120.4	120.6
	Tea, Coffee, Cocoa and Spices	13	109.1	98.1	121.0	121.8	122.2
	Vegetables	13	66.1	58.8	90.9	97.1	97.9
11.	Animals and Their Products	75	92.1	85.3	98.8	99.1	100.0
	Fishery Products	16	92.9	85.8	107.1	107.6	107.6
	Furs	9	80.5	73.7	76.9	76.9	79.6
	Hides and Skins	6	110.3	108.9	119.8	122.0	124.5
	Leather, Unmanufactured	9	106.3	100.6	111.9	111.9	111.9
	Boots and Shoes	2	103.5	100.4	106.0	104.5	105.3
	Live Stock	4	110.0	105.5	120.3	122.9	126.0
	Meats and Poultry	9	95.0	88.1	102.7	103.1	104.4
	Milk and Its Products	12	93.2	88.6	97.6	98.4	98.9
	Fats	5	63.3	47.0	71.9	72.3	77.8
	Eggs	3	70.8	53.8	79.1	78.9	76.3
111.	Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	64	91.0	85.3	93.3	92.2	92.1
	Cotton, Raw	2	98.4	76.4	119.0	119.0	119.0
	Cotton Fabrics	19	87.8	81.1	84.2	82.4	82.5
	Knit Goods	3	95.4	88.9	103.9	101.4	101.3
	Flax, Hemp and Jute Products	6	86.0	75.7	90.9	90.9	90.9
	Silk Hosiery	1	70.2	67.5	73.1	73.1	73.1
	Rayon Fabrics	2	69.0	69.0	69.0	68.3	67.2
	Artificial Silk Products	2	49.0	48.1	50.4	49.0	49.0
	Wool, Raw	3	95.0	93.9	94.7	94.7	94.7
	Wool Hosiery and Knit Goods	5	108.2	107.5	108.8	108.8	108.8
	Wool Cloth	6	104.5	103.5	105.2	105.2	105.2
1V.	Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	96.0	92.4	100.7	100.6	101.1
	Newsprint and Wrapping Paper	2	74.0	74.0	74.0	74.0	74.0
	Lumber	33	120.6	110.7	130.7	130.3	131.9
	Pulp	3	108.9	108.9	116.4	116.4	116.4
	Furniture	10	99.1	94.1	103.5	103.5	103.5
V.	Iron and Its Products	44	111.3	108.5	112.9	115.4	115.4
	Pig Iron and Steel Billets	3	101.7	101.7	101.7	104.8	104.8
	Rolling Mill Products	14	115.0	111.1	117.2	121.6	121.6
	Hardware	16	92.5	91.0	93.9	93.9	93.9
	Wire	3	99.3	97.2	100.4	100.4	100.4
	Scrap	5	112.3	115.0	111.9	111.9	111.9
V1.	Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	17	78.0	77.7	78.3	78.4	78.4
	Brass and Copper Products	5	86.3	85.7	86.7	86.7	86.7
	Lead and Its Products	2	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1
	Tin Ingots	2	91.1	89.4	92.7	96.0	96.0
	Zinc and Its Products	2	59.1	58.9	59.1	59.1	59.1
	Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products (V and V1 above)	61	100.2	98.2	101.4	103.1	103.1

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COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

	Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1941	March 1941	Jan. 1942	Feb. 1942	March 1942
VII.	Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	81	95.6	91.5	99.3	99.3	99.3
	Clay and Allied Material Products	10	92.2	88.5	94.2	94.2	94.2
	Coal	13	108.3	104.8	111.6	111.6	111.6
	Coke	4	121.8	121.4	122.5	122.5	122.5
	Manufactured Gas	3	103.4	102.9	103.5	103.5	103.5
	Glass and Its Products	6	102.8	99.6	104.4	104.4	104.4
	Petroleum Products	5	78.9	72.4	85.1	85.1	85.1
	Asphalt	2	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3
	Salt	4	123.6	116.6	130.6	130.6	130.6
	Lime	4	108.4	101.8	111.8	111.8	112.2
	Cement	1	104.1	99.2	106.5	106.5	106.5
	Sand and Gravel	8	87.6	87.6	89.6	89.6	89.6
	Crushed Stone	3	78.5	76.7	87.6	87.6	87.6
	Building Stone	3	68.4	64.3	70.8	70.8	70.8
	Asbestos	8	74.1	74.1	74.1	74.1	74.1
VIII.	Chemicals and Allied Products	74	98.7	93.3	103.8	104.0	104.1
	Inorganic Chemicals	22	89.2	89.9	89.1	88.8	89.1
	Organic Chemicals	5	86.0	83.5	90.4	90.4	90.4
	Coal Tar Products	2	90.7	89.9	91.1	91.1	91.1
	Dyeing and Tanning Materials	10	131.4	127.1	136.4	136.4	136.4
	Explosives	2	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1
	Paints, Prepared	1	79.7	76.3	82.5	82.5	82.5
	Drugs and Pharmaceutical Chemicals	9	161.3	145.4	172.9	174.0	174.0
	Fertilizers	10	87.9	88.1	88.1	88.1	88.1
	Industrial Gases	2	85.1	85.9	82.6	83.0	83.7

PURPOSE CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

I.	CONSUMERS' GOODS (Groups A and B)	216	91.1	86.2	95.3	94.9	95.4
A.	Foods, Beverages and Tobacco	118	89.5	83.4	95.8	95.6	96.7
	Beverages	8	112.9	100.8	124.5	125.1	125.8
	Flour and Milled Products	12	76.7	76.8	75.3	75.5	75.5
	Bakery Products	2	86.3	85.8	86.8	86.8	86.8
	Fish	16	92.9	85.8	107.1	107.6	107.6
	Fruits	14	88.6	80.1	92.3	87.3	92.4
	Meats and Poultry	9	95.0	88.1	102.7	103.1	104.4
	Milk and Milk Products	12	93.2	88.6	97.6	98.4	98.9
	Sugar and Its Products	8	115.9	104.2	120.4	120.4	120.6
	Vegetables	13	66.1	58.8	90.9	97.1	97.9
	Eggs	3	70.8	53.8	79.1	78.9	76.3
	Tobacco	7	41.9	41.8	44.2	44.2	45.7
B.	Other Consumers' Goods	98	92.2	88.1	95.0	94.5	94.6
	Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Rubbers Hosiery and Underwear	48	91.4	87.6	91.9	90.8	90.9
	Household Equipment and Supplies	50	92.8	88.4	97.3	97.3	97.3
II.	PRODUCERS' GOODS (Groups C and D)	377	83.6	81.3	86.8	87.2	87.4
C.	Producers' Equipment	24	105.7	102.4	108.5	108.5	108.5
	Tools	3	93.7	91.6	98.1	98.1	98.1
	Light, Heat and Power Equipment and Supplies	17	106.9	103.3	109.8	109.8	109.8
	Explosives	2	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1
	Miscellaneous	2	100.8	100.8	100.8	100.8	100.8

PURPOSE CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Commodity	No. of Price series	Yearly Average 1941	March 1941	Jan. 1942	Feb. 1942	March 1942
D. Producers' Materials	353	81.0	78.9	84.4	84.8	85.0
Building and Construction Materials	110	107.3	100.6	113.1	113.3	114.2
*Lumber	33	120.6	110.7	130.7	130.3	131.9
Paint	12	82.3	77.6	85.9	86.1	88.4
Miscellaneous	65	100.7	96.7	103.0	103.7	103.7
Manufacturers' Materials	243	76.6	75.2	79.5	80.0	80.1
Textiles and Clothing	46	88.2	83.3	88.0	86.9	86.8
Furs and Leather Goods	24	98.0	92.5	100.9	101.2	102.5
For Metal Working Industries	40	85.1	84.5	85.7	86.4	86.5
For Chemical Using Industries	42	96.5	95.5	98.0	97.8	98.1
For Meat Packing Industries	4	110.0	105.5	120.3	122.9	126.0
For Milling and Other Industries	22	56.2	56.4	60.2	61.1	61.0
Miscellaneous Producers' Materials	65	78.8	77.7	81.5	81.9	81.8

ORIGIN CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Total Raw and Partly Manufactured	224	81.8	78.9	87.2	87.8	88.4
Total Fully and Chiefly Manufactured	302	88.8	84.3	92.0	91.7	92.1
I. Articles of Farm Origin (Domestic and Foreign)						
A. Field						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	85	63.2	61.0	69.8	70.8	71.5
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured	83	86.8	82.1	89.3	87.9	88.6
(c) Total	168	75.9	72.4	80.3	80.0	80.7
B. Animal						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	36	95.0	91.0	99.0	99.4	100.1
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured	54	89.0	82.6	94.1	94.3	95.0
(c) Total	90	91.6	86.2	96.2	96.5	97.2
C. Canadian Farm Products						
(1) Field	50	56.5	55.6	62.8	64.3	64.6
(2) Animal	18	95.9	91.8	101.5	102.1	102.7
(3) Total	68	71.2	69.1	77.3	78.4	78.8
II. Articles of Marine Origin						
(a) Raw and Partly manufactured	7	79.6	75.3	93.1	94.3	94.3
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured	9	96.8	86.6	113.9	113.8	113.9
(c) Total	16	92.1	83.5	108.3	108.5	108.6
*III. Articles of Forest Origin						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	37	117.1	110.2	126.4	126.1	127.2
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured	20	76.9	76.2	77.5	77.5	77.5
(c) Total	57	95.6	92.0	100.3	100.2	100.7
IV. Articles of Mineral Origin						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	59	92.6	91.5	93.9	94.0	94.0
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured	136	98.0	94.5	100.8	101.7	101.7
(c) Total	195	95.6	93.2	97.7	98.3	98.3

*Includes both domestic and export prices.

WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES
(All Prices given in Canadian funds)

Commodity		Yearly Average 1941	March 1941	Jan. 1942	Feb. 1942	March 1942
OATS, No.2 C.W. Ft.William and Pt.Arthur cash basis	Bush.	$ .408	$ .353	$ .508	$ .500	$ .500
WHEAT, No.1 Man. Northern Ft.William and Pt.Arthur cash basis	Bush.	.747	.762	.770	.780	.780
FLOUR, First Patent, 2-98's cotton, Toronto		5.529	5.850	5.050	5.050	5.050
SUGAR, granulated, Montreal	Cwt.	6.643	5.893	6.893	6.893	6.893
RUBBER, Ceylon, ribbed, smoked sheets, f.o.b. New York	Lb.	.273	.274	.275	.275	.275
LINSEED OIL, Raw, Montreal	Gal.	.834	.813	.870	.885	.900
(A) CATTLE, Steers, good up to 1050 lbs. Toronto	Cwt.	8.694	8.620	9.350	9.710	10.000
(B) HOGS, Bl, Dressed, Toronto	Cwt.	13.240	11.330	15.310	15.160	15.290
BEEF HIDES, Packer Hides, Native Steers, Toronto	Lb.	.149	.148	.150	.150	.150
LEATHER, Packer crops, No.1 and 11, f.o.b. Distributing points	Lb.	.474	.460	.480	.480	.480
BOX SIDES D, f.o.b. Ont. factory	Ft.	.225	.210	.240	.240	.240
BUTTER, Creamery prints, first grade Montreal	Lb.	.348	.360	.355	.359	.363
CHEESE, Canada old, large, Montreal	Lb.	.271	.220	.340	.340	.340
EGGS, Grade "A" large, Montreal	Doz.	.346	.248	.371	.360	.341
COTTON, raw 1" - 1 1/16" Hamilton	Lb.	.188	.150	.223	.223	.223
COTTON YARNS, 10's white single Hosiery cops, Mill	Lb.	.344	.304	.350	.315	.315
WOOL, eastern bright ¼ blood domestic, f.o.b. Ontario	Lb.	.310	.310	.310	.310	.310
WOOL, western range, semi-bright ½ blood, domestic f.o.b. Ontario	Lb.	.263	.250	.260	.260	.260
(C) PULP, groundwood, No.1 delivered, New England	Ton.	44.000	44.000	49.500	49.500	49.500
STEEL, Merchant bars, mild Mill	100 Lbs.	2.686	2.550	2.754	2.754	2.754
PIG IRON, foundry No.1, f.o.b plant	Gross Ton	25.500	25.500	25.500	25.500	25.500
COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic Montreal	Cwt.	11.500	11.500	11.500	11.500	11.500
LEAD, domestic, f.o.b. carlots Montreal	Cwt.	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000
TIN INGOTS, Straits, f.o.b. Toronto	Lb.	.618	.606	.620	.620	.620
ZINC, domestic, f.o.b. carlots Montreal	Cwt.	5.150	5.150	5.150	5.150	5.150
COAL, Anthracite, Toronto f.o.b. carlots	Ton	12.138	11.889	12.499	12.499	12.499
COAL, Bituminous, N.S. run of mine	Ton	5.650	5.500	5.700	5.700	5.700
(D) Gasolene, Standard Toronto	Gal.	.193	.165	.215	.215	.215
SULPHURIC ACID 66° Baume f.o.b. works	Net Ton	17.250	17.000	18.000	18.000	18.000

(A) Previous to 1941 - Steers good over 1050 pounds.
(B) Dressed weight grading, Price per cwt. 1/3 higher than previous live grading "bacon hogs".
(C) Previous to 1941 f.o.b. Mill.
(D) 1942 - Federal tax included.

PRICE INDEX NUMBER SYNOPSIS

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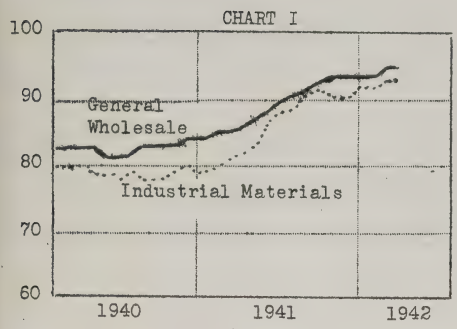

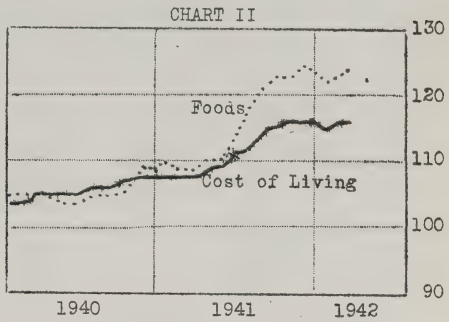

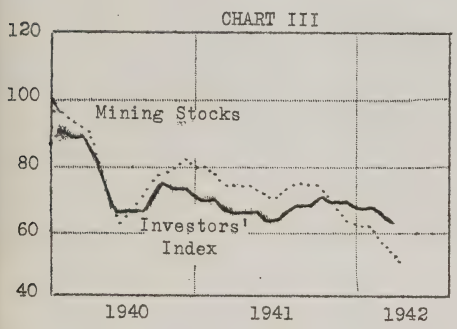

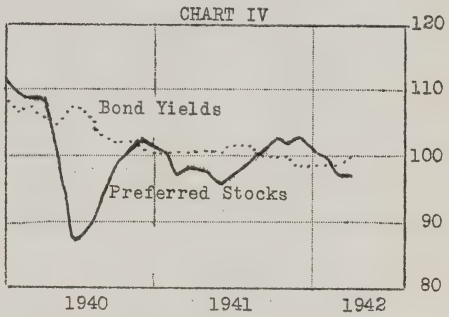

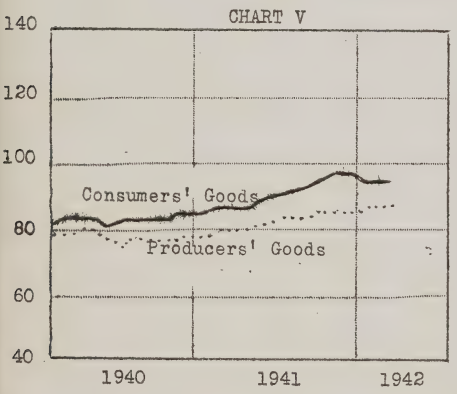

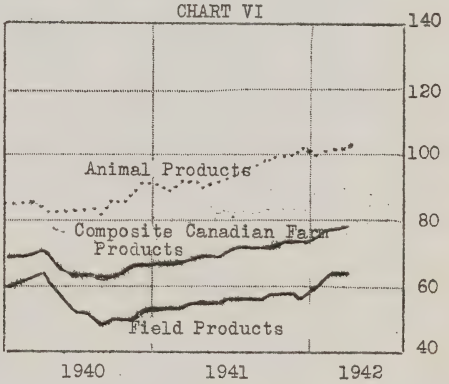

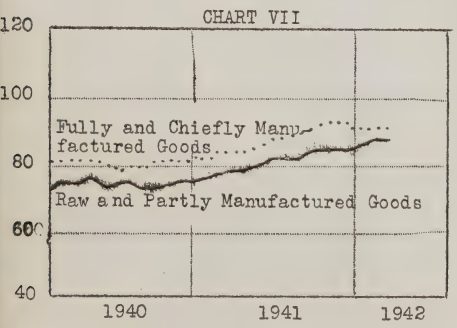

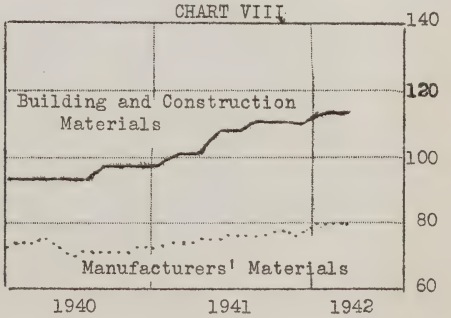

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS IN CANADA, MARCH 2, 1942

(Calculations based on prices for the first business day of each month)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of living costs on the base 1935-1939=100, rose from 115.7 on February 2nd to 115.9 on March 2nd. An increase in the food index accounted for the advance. Living costs in March were 15.0 per cent above the August, 1939, level.

An index for 46 food items moved up from 123.1 to 123.7 between February and March. Butter, meats and fish, potatoes and bananas recorded small advances, while eggs and lemons moved lower. Indexes for other groups were unchanged, as follows: Fuel 112.9, rent 111.2, clothing 119.8, home furnishings and services 118.0, and miscellaneous items 107.1

An index for retail prices exclusive of rents and services increased from 120.3 in February to 120.6 in March.

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS, 1913-MARCH 2, 1942.

(1935-1939=100)

	Total Index	Food Index	Rent Index	Fuel and Lighting Index	Clothing Index	Home Furnishings and Miscellaneous Index	Retail Prices Index (Commodities only)
1913	79.7	88.3	74.3	76.9	88.0	70.3	-
1914	80.0	91.9	72.1	75.4	88.9	70.3	-
1917	104.5	133.3	75.8	83.8	130.3	81.5	-
1918	118.3	152.8	80.2	92.2	152.3	91.4	-
1920	150.5	188.1	100.2	119.9	213.1	110.3	-
1926	121.8	133.3	115.9	116.8	139.1	106.1	-
1929	121.7	134.7	119.7	112.6	134.8	105.0	-
1930	120.8	131.5	122.7	111.8	130.6	105.4	-
1934	95.6	92.7	93.2	102.1	97.1	97.8	-

	Percentage Increase Since Aug. 1, 1939						Home furnishings and Services Index	Miscellaneous Index	
1935		96.2	94.6	94.0	100.9	97.6	95.4	98.7	95.9
1936		98.1	97.8	96.1	101.5	99.3	97.2	99.1	98.1
1937		101.2	103.2	99.7	98.9	101.4	101.5	100.1	102.0
1938		102.2	103.8	103.1	97.7	100.9	102.4	101.2	102.8
1939		101.5	100.6	103.8	101.2	100.7	101.4	101.4	101.0
1940		105.6	105.6	106.3	107.1	109.2	107.2	102.3	106.6
1941	10.8	111.7	116.1	109.4	110.3	116.1	113.8	105.1	114.9
1939 Aug. 1.		100.8	99.3	103.8	99.0	100.1	100.9	101.3	100.0
1940 Dec. 2.	7.1	108.0	109.1	107.7	108.5	113.5	110.7	102.8	110.0
1941 Jan. 2.	7.4	108.3	109.7	107.7	108.6	113.7	110.8	103.1	110.4
Feb. 1.	7.3	108.2	108.8	107.7	108.7	114.1	111.5	103.1	110.1
Mar. 1.	7.3	108.2	109.0	107.7	108.9	114.2	111.6	102.9	110.2
Apr. 1.	7.7	108.6	110.1	107.7	108.9	114.3	111.7	102.9	110.7
May 1.	8.5	109.4	109.7	109.7	109.2	114.5	111.8	105.1	110.9
June 2.	9.6	110.5	112.5	109.7	110.2	114.9	112.1	105.6	112.7
July 2.	11.0	111.9	116.6	109.7	110.5	115.1	113.0	105.6	114.9
Aug. 1.	12.8	113.7	121.3	109.7	110.5	115.7	114.3	106.1	117.7
Sept.2.	13.8	114.7	123.3	109.7	110.9	117.4	115.8	106.4	119.4
Oct. 1.	14.6	115.5	123.2	111.2	112.1	119.6	117.3	106.5	120.1
Nov. 1.	15.4	116.3	125.4	111.2	112.7	120.0	117.9	106.7	121.4
Dec. 1.	14.9	115.8	123.8	111.2	112.7	119.9	117.9	106.7	120.6
1942 Jan. 2.	14.5	115.4	122.3	111.2	112.9	119.9	118.0	106.8	119.9
Feb. 2.	14.8	115.7	123.1	111.2	112.9	119.8	118.0	107.1	120.3
Mar. 2	15.0	115.9	123.7	111.2	112.9	119.8	118.0	107.1	120.6

Order-in-Council P.C.8253 (October 27, 1941) provides for a cost-of-living bonus of 25 cents per week for each one per cent of increase in the official index number measured from August, 1939. For convenience the percentage increase each month as compared with August, 1939, is shown in the left-hand column.

INDEX NUMBERS OF [illegible]

(1935-1939=100)

Year and Month	Beef Sirloin	Beef Blade	Veal Roast	Lamb Roast	Pork Fresh	Bacon Breakfast	Canned Salmon	Pure Lard	Eggs Grade"A"	Milk Fresh	Butter Creamery	Cheese Canadian	Beans Dry	Potatoes
1939 - August 1st	110.7	111.4	105.5	109.3	105.8	97.4	99.1	73.4	91.5	100.0	88.7	98.2	87.9	126.4
1941 - March 1st	124.5	132.2	129.6	114.2	100.0	97.3	116.9	67.5	82.8	108.3	123.6	112.7	110.3	100.4
April 1st	126.1	132.9	130.2	115.8	100.8	97.6	118.8	66.2	81.6	109.2	125.6	113.6	106.9	99.6
May 1st	127.3	135.0	126.4	117.7	102.0	97.9	118.8	66.2	79.8	109.2	112.9	114.6	106.9	98.4
June 2nd	130.8	140.5	129.5	121.9	112.1	105.4	121.9	67.5	82.8	109.2	112.9	116.4	110.3	97.3
July 2nd	134.0	143.3	135.8	133.5	123.5	116.4	123.1	71.4	95.2	109.2	116.2	121.1	110.3	117.8
August 1st	136.0	146.1	138.4	135.0	131.6	126.9	123.1	90.9	116.0	109.2	129.4	126.3	110.3	131.4
September 2nd	136.7	146.1	142.8	128.5	133.2	128.7	124.4	105.2	127.5	110.1	134.3	135.2	110.3	120.5
October 1st	136.7	148.9	147.8	122.7	133.2	128.9	126.9	113.6	129.9	110.1	127.2	153.5	110.3	113.2
November 1st	135.2	149.7	147.8	120.4	133.2	129.9	132.5	117.5	154.4	111.0	121.7	171.4	113.8	113.2
December 1st	133.6	147.5	147.2	119.6	132.4	128.7	131.9	111.0	143.2	111.0	124.6	171.4	113.8	113.6
1942 - January 2nd	133.2	147.5	148.4	120.0	132.0	128.7	131.9	104.5	121.1	111.0	124.3	170.4	112.1	120.1
February 2nd	134.0	148.3	150.3	122.3	132.8	128.7	132.5	103.9	118.1	111.0	124.3	171.4	112.1	145.7
March 2nd	134.8	150.3	152.2	124.6	133.6	128.7	133.1	103.9	115.4	111.0	125.9	171.4	112.1	153.9

Year and Month	Tomatoes Canned	Peas Canned	Bread White	Flour House-Hold	Rolled Oats	Rice	Prunes	Raisins	Jam Straw-berry	Sugar Granu-lated	Sugar Yellow	Tea	Coffee	Weighted Food Index (46 Items)
1939 - August 1st	91.3	89.7	98.4	78.4	92.6	101.2	94.7	100.0	96.5	101.6	101.6	105.6	94.4	99.3
1941 - March 1st	116.2	100.0	104.8	100.0	96.3	112.2	100.9	100.6	91.7	117.2	117.5	126.9	127.3	109.0
April 1st	117.1	100.8	104.8	102.8	96.3	113.4	100.9	101.2	91.7	123.4	122.2	127.8	127.9	110.1
May 1st	117.9	101.7	104.8	102.8	96.3	114.6	101.8	101.2	91.7	132.8	131.7	130.6	129.8	109.7
June 2nd	118.8	102.5	104.8	102.8	96.3	117.1	103.5	101.2	93.5	134.4	133.3	133.3	130.1	112.5
July 2nd	118.8	103.4	104.8	102.8	98.1	118.3	104.4	101.2	94.6	132.8	133.3	136.1	131.2	116.6
August 1st	119.7	104.2	104.8	102.8	98.1	120.7	104.4	103.0	98.2	134.4	133.3	139.0	132.3	121.3
September 2nd	118.8	104.2	104.8	100.0	98.1	124.4	107.0	103.6	101.8	134.4	133.3	142.2	132.9	123.3
October 1st	118.8	104.2	104.8	100.0	101.9	126.8	108.8	103.6	103.6	134.4	133.3	146.2	134.0	123.2
November 1st	118.8	105.9	104.8	100.0	105.5	128.0	110.5	104.8	105.3	134.4	133.3	151.2	135.7	125.4
December 1st	118.8	105.0	104.8	100.0	103.7	128.0	109.6	104.2	105.3	134.4	133.3	153.2	133.7	123.8
1942 - January 2nd	117.9	105.0	104.8	100.0	103.7	128.0	110.5	103.6	105.3	132.8	133.3	152.7	133.4	122.3
February 2nd	117.9	105.0	104.8	100.0	105.5	128.0	110.5	104.2	105.3	132.8	133.3	153.8	133.7	123.1
March 2nd	118.8	105.0	104.8	100.0	105.5	130.5	111.4	104.2	105.9	132.8	133.3	154.3	133.4	123.7

INVESTORS' INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCK PRICES

Canadian common stocks moved irregularly lower, and the Investors' price index of 95 common stocks declined 2.4 p.c. to 62.0 between February 26 and April 2. This compared with a drop of 4.5 p.c. in February. Industrials registered a loss of 3 p.c. to 57.6. With the exception of building materials all industrial sub-groups showed net recessions. The sharpest individual decline was scored by foods, which fell 11.8 p.c. to 72.6 on April 2. Other losses in this section ranged from 1.4 p.c. for milling shares to 3.6 p.c. for textiles. Fractional gains in communication and power issues more than offset a decline of 1.3 p.c. in transportation stocks, and brought the index to 67.2, for a rise of 0.3 p.c. An index for eight banks receded 1.9 p.c. to close at 88.9. The Bureau's monthly price index of common stocks moved lower from 64.7 in February to 62.3 in March with the industrials falling 3.0 points to 57.8, utilities 0.2 to 67.5 and banks 1.7 to 89.4

MINING STOCK PRICES

Mining shares on domestic markets tended mainly to lower levels during March and the price index of twenty-five mining issues moved downward from 55.7 on February 26 to 51.6 on April 2, for a loss of 7.4 p.c. However declines were less than in February and price movements were somewhat firmer towards the end of the month. Golds continued to display marked weakness, the index dropping 10.5 p.c. to 39.2. A loss of 3.7 p.c. to 76.3 in base metals, compared with one of 6.6 p.c. in February. The composite index of mining issues fell from 57.5 in February to 51.9 in March, with the golds receding from 45.4 to 40.1 and base metals from 81.5 to 75.3.

GOLDS

	April 2	Feb.26		April 2	Feb.26
Beattie	$ .70	$ .80	Little Long Lac	$ .97	$ 1.12
Bralorne	7.40	7.25	Macassa	2.30	2.35
Buffalo-Ankerite	1.80	-	McIntyre	39.50	40.00
Cariboo Gold Quartz	1.00	1.40	Pickle Crow	1.85	2.05
Central Patricia	.95	1.15	Pioneer	1.50	1.72
Dome	12.00	15.25	San Antonio	1.51	1.55
God's Lake	.12	.12	Siscoe	.375	.42
Hollinger	7.65	7.85	Sylvanite	1.30	1.55
Kirkland Lake	.48	.52	Teck-Hughes	1.72	2.09
Lake Shore	7.25	9.00	Uchi	.037	.035
Lamaque Gold Mines	3.30	3.80	Wright-Hargreaves	1.95	2.35

BASE METALS

Falconbridge	-	3.15	Noranda	43.50	45.00
Hudson Bay	25.00	26.00			

PREFERRED STOCKS

The Bureau's preferred stock price index was down 1.2 p.c. to 95.6 between February and March. This March figure compared with an index of 98.7 in March of 1941. Major recessions occurred in the Oil group which dropped 2.6 p.c. followed by Beverages down 2.2 p.c. and Foods, 2.1 p.c. below February levels. Textiles and Tobacco issues declined more moderately to show losses of 1.8 p.c. and 1.9 p.c. respectively. The machinery and Equipment group with a gain of 2 p.c. was practically the only exception to the general downward movement. Other gains and losses were mainly fractional.

INDEX NUMBERS OF 30 PREFERRED STOCK PRICES, 1935-1942
(1935-1939=100)

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1935	88.7	89.0	85.9	83.5	82.5	82.5	84.0	85.5	83.5	83.8	87.5	89.0
1936	90.3	83.1	92.0	91.7	90.0	91.9	95.9	97.2	101.1	104.7	109.9	113.3
1937	119.7	121.1	133.8	124.4	120.9	119.8	119.9	122.4	109.8	99.2	98.9	97.7
1938	100.6	99.0	93.5	94.3	96.6	98.7	105.2	104.7	98.1	106.2	105.5	104.8
1939	102.5	101.8	101.2	95.2	95.3	98.8	100.1	97.7	100.5	107.4	108.7	110.1
1940	110.7	109.7	108.8	108.9	96.7	86.9	89.0	93.9	99.1	100.7	103.0	101.7
1941	101.4	97.6	98.7	97.9	96.3	96.8	98.5	100.0	103.2	102.2	102.6	100.7
1942	99.6	96.8	95.6									

INVESTORS' MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCKS

(1935-39=100)

	GENERAL	INDUSTRIALS										UTILITIES				BANKS
Number of Securities 1942	Total 95	Total 68	Machinery and Equipment 8	Pulp and Paper 7	Milling 3	Oils 4	Textiles and Clothing 10	Food and Allied Products 12	Beverages 7	Building Materials 15	Industrial Mines 2	Total 19	Transportation 2	Telephone Telegraph 2	Power and Traction 15	Total 8
1939 - May	90.4	89.6	89.9	59.7	93.0	85.4	81.5	109.8	96.0	89.6	95.7	85.7	42.6	112.9	91.5	103.5
June	88.4	86.7	91.3	61.7	91.2	76.9	83.3	111.6	99.4	92.6	96.0	86.7	46.9	113.9	91.5	103.9
July	88.7	87.5	94.3	63.2	88.4	77.3	88.6	113.4	99.5	93.1	97.0	84.7	44.3	113.1	89.1	103.9
August	85.8	84.8	86.8	55.3	89.6	74.2	89.1	112.4	93.8	87.4	95.4	81.1	39.6	110.7	85.5	103.0
September	91.2	92.5	106.2	95.1	117.6	82.6	106.6	106.3	86.5	104.5	105.2	83.7	75.9	99.4	81.0	95.8
October	96.6	97.3	119.2	116.5	125.3	93.3	120.6	111.3	96.8	115.7	98.6	90.7	83.5	105.1	89.6	99.0
November	94.4	94.5	112.8	113.0	118.9	87.3	122.9	108.5	101.6	112.5	97.4	88.7	68.2	106.6	89.7	102.9
December	92.2	90.9	113.6	118.0	120.0	82.0	125.5	112.1	104.2	111.6	93.0	90.7	70.8	107.7	92.3	103.1
1940 January	90.9	89.1	107.4	122.0	116.5	78.2	128.0	113.9	107.9	108.3	92.2	90.7	69.9	107.4	92.3	103.3
February	90.2	88.6	103.8	116.5	116.0	79.4	134.4	114.8	106.8	105.5	90.2	89.9	71.2	107.1	90.8	103.0
March	90.3	87.5	107.2	114.0	113.7	78.0	135.4	115.6	107.9	105.3	88.3	93.4	84.0	107.7	92.0	104.0
April	88.4	85.1	105.9	122.4	113.0	74.1	135.7	115.0	109.9	105.2	84.9	93.4	82.7	106.1	93.2	102.4
May	73.3	69.2	82.0	81.1	91.5	62.6	119.3	102.7	94.0	83.2	65.0	78.2	57.1	99.3	78.3	97.4
June	65.5	61.2	74.5	65.2	74.1	50.3	104.2	89.7	85.2	74.3	62.7	71.0	47.3	95.6	70.8	91.3
July	66.1	62.6	73.5	69.2	79.1	50.8	110.4	90.8	91.0	73.5	65.8	70.4	49.0	91.4	70.9	85.5
August	69.3	65.8	78.7	76.2	80.6	52.4	114.0	93.5	95.9	77.5	71.2	73.6	55.0	95.3	73.2	88.1
September	75.8	73.1	85.5	82.1	95.5	60.7	121.4	101.6	99.5	87.0	77.4	78.0	60.1	99.5	77.2	92.9
October	74.2	71.3	84.0	80.1	93.5	56.2	120.8	101.4	99.5	88.9	77.7	77.0	55.4	100.2	76.9	91.9
November	74.5	71.3	86.0	82.6	81.4	54.5	121.5	100.7	105.8	91.2	77.8	78.2	62.2	101.4	76.2	92.7
December	70.3	65.9	78.6	76.7	75.2	48.7	116.8	99.6	106.5	87.6	71.4	76.4	55.8	101.3	75.6	94.6
1941 January	71.3	66.9	77.6	74.1	72.3	51.6	110.6	96.8	104.3	84.0	73.2	77.3	60.9	101.2	75.4	94.7
February	66.5	62.3	72.9	63.8	69.5	48.7	105.0	90.1	96.6	77.3	67.3	71.3	51.6	100.2	68.8	90.9
March	66.8	63.1	73.6	65.4	69.5	49.5	103.1	87.9	93.7	78.5	69.0	70.7	55.7	99.2	67.0	89.9
April	65.8	62.3	73.2	63.9	68.6	49.4	101.3	88.6	88.1	77.8	67.8	68.2	57.3	97.8	62.2	89.7
May	63.9	60.7	71.8	59.7	63.4	51.3	97.4	88.6	82.8	74.4	62.6	65.2	54.8	91.6	60.3	88.3
June	64.0	60.3	72.0	59.5	67.5	48.0	101.1	90.1	87.3	74.9	64.2	67.1	58.9	92.0	62.0	89.0
July	67.5	64.0	76.3	66.1	67.5	48.4	105.7	90.5	94.3	77.8	72.3	70.6	65.8	93.0	65.3	89.7
August	67.8	64.4	76.8	70.2	72.4	49.1	106.3	91.8	95.7	79.7	71.5	71.2	70.0	94.6	64.4	89.7
September	71.0	67.5	80.5	78.5	75.1	51.3	108.4	93.3	102.4	82.4	75.8	74.7	70.3	98.6	68.8	91.2
October	69.1	65.5	78.3	75.5	74.5	51.2	105.7	91.9	98.7	78.9	71.7	72.5	65.7	96.8	67.2	90.8
November	68.8	65.3	78.2	76.4	74.9	52.9	110.0	91.0	102.6	77.8	68.9	71.1	65.2	95.3	65.5	91.7
December	67.2	63.9	75.5	72.9	72.2	49.0	110.4	91.4	104.8	75.5	69.7	68.7	60.4	95.9	63.0	90.5
1942 - January	66.8	62.9	74.3	71.9	74.5	45.9	112.8	88.7	99.2	75.1	71.9	70.4	64.5	95.5	64.4	91.1
February	64.7	60.8	73.4	69.3	69.7	43.6	108.7	85.5	96.3	73.9	70.1	67.7	60.5	93.5	62.1	91.1
March	62.3	57.8	69.7	66.1	70.9	41.2	104.3	75.8	92.8	74.0	67.3	67.5	59.4	93.5	62.0	89.4

INDEX NUMBERS OF TWENTY-FIVE MINING STOCKS
(1935-39=100)

No. of Stocks 1942	Gold 22	Base Metals 3	Total Index 25
x1929 - High	76.2	127.3	89.2
Low	44.8	63.0	60.6
x1932 - High	53.6	32.9	45.2
Low	41.2	17.0	32.6
x1933 - High	95.0	57.7	81.4
Low	55.1	27.3	45.4
x1934 - High	119.0	67.1	99.9
Low	87.6	50.0	74.8
x1935 - High	111.4	84.7	95.3
Low	88.9	51.5	80.1
x1936 - High	115.7	128.9	118.8
Low	100.5	82.3	94.4
x1937 - High	120.0	142.7	125.6
Low	84.7	73.3	80.8
x1938 - High	106.6	129.1	112.2
Low	89.3	82.8	87.3
x1939 - High	105.7	130.1	113.5
Low	82.5	109.6	91.9
x1940 - High	92.1	122.4	102.2
Low	55.8	69.5	60.5
x1941 - High	75.2	96.1	80.6
Low	50.7	80.6	61.0
1940			
January	91.1	119.6	100.9
February	86.5	115.3	96.2
March	82.0	112.8	92.5
April	81.3	110.8	91.2
May	67.6	88.5	74.5
June	57.7	74.7	63.4
July	59.1	75.1	64.8
August	64.6	83.7	71.0
September	70.8	91.0	77.5
October	72.9	91.3	79.2
November	76.3	94.5	82.4
December	74.9	90.0	80.2
1941			
January	74.4	89.2	79.4
February	70.6	83.2	74.9
March	70.0	84.7	75.1
April	69.0	87.6	75.1
May	66.1	81.2	71.2
June	64.4	83.9	71.0
July	66.2	91.3	74.6
August	66.0	91.7	74.6
September	66.0	94.0	75.4
October	60.8	87.4	69.7
November	54.9	85.0	65.0
December	52.2	84.8	63.2
1942			
January	50.5	84.3	61.9
February	45.4	81.5	57.5
March	40.1	75.3	51.9
Weekly Index Numbers			
Week ending March 5th	43.2	77.1	54.5
" " " 12th	41.1	74.4	52.3
" " " 19th	38.9	74.2	50.7
" " " 26th	38.3	74.7	50.5
" " April 2nd	39.2	76.3	51.6
" " " 9th	39.2	74.4	51.0

x Weekly figures.

INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELDS

During March, returns were slightly higher on Dominion of Canada long-term bonds, according to the Bureau's index of yields, which rose from 99.3 for February to 99.6 (1935-1939=100). This was 0.9 below the corresponding month of 1941, and 2.5 below the March average for the past five years. The index advanced from 99.3 to 99.6 for the week ending March 11, and again from 99.6 to 99.9 in the week ending March 25, for a total net increase of 0.6 points over the week ending February 25. Quotations, generally, were firm in the provincial section, with Albertas and Saskatchewans taking the lead. British Columbia maturities weakened slightly in the last two days after holding steady for most of the month. An index of Province of Ontario representative bond yields, computed from information furnished by Wood, Gundy and Company, Limited, fell from 93.8 for February to 92.9 for March, and the average yield of the issues included in the index decreased from 3.30 to 3.27.

British Consols rose from 82 1/8 to 83 3/16, while the Dow-Jones average of selected United States bonds mounted from 90.24 to 90.77.

MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELDS, 1936-1942.
(1935-1939=100)

	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942
January	106.5	95.2	102.2	97.3	109.3	100.6	99.4
February	103.6	100.1	100.8	97.2	107.2	100.8	99.3
March	102.4	106.4	100.3	95.4	107.9	100.5	99.6
April	101.8	107.2	97.4	96.3	105.5	100.6	-
May	100.9	106.4	96.2	97.8	104.5	101.1	-
June	98.0	105.6	98.0	95.7	107.8	101.9	-
July	95.5	104.4	98.7	96.0	107.0	101.5	-
August	92.6	102.9	98.8	98.6	104.3	101.2	-
September	91.8	103.2	101.9	117.0	103.1	100.3	-
October	96.0	106.2	99.3	111.9	102.6	100.2	-
November	94.7	105.7	97.4	108.4	101.9	99.1	-
December	93.3	102.9	97.2	110.5	101.0	99.3	-

WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BONDS, 1942

Date	Yields		Yields		Yields
1942 - January 7	99.3	February 4	99.3	March 4	99.3
" 14	99.3	" 11	99.3	" 11	99.6
" 21	99.3	" 18	99.3	" 18	99.6
" 28	99.6	" 25	99.3	" 25	99.9

EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS AT MONTREAL AUGUST 1939 AND 1940 - 1942

Note - The noon rates in Canadian Funds upon which these averages are based have been supplied by the Bank of Canada.

	New York Funds	London Sterling	Ⓐ Argentine Peso (Paper)	Ⓐ Brazil Milreis	India Rupee
	$	$	$	$	$
1939 - August	1.0047	4.6327	.2321	.0504	.3346
1940	x1.1050	x4.450	.2539	.0557	.3359
1941	x1.1050	x4.450	.2621	.0563	.3356
1942 - January	x1.1050	x4.450	.2619	.0569	.3359
February	1.1050	4.450	.2618	.0570	.3359
March	1.1050	4.450	.2627	.0571	.3359

x Since September 16, 1939, quotations used are the average of the daily buying and selling rate of the Foreign Exchange Control Board. The current buying and selling rate for sterling is $4.43 and $4.47 and U. S. funds $1.10 and $1.11.

(A) Unofficial

MONTHLY INDEXES OF AMERICAN STOCK PRICES, 1938 - 1941.
(Issued by Standard and Poor's Trade Securities)
(1935-1939=100)

	Composite	Industrials	Railroads	Utilities
1938 - March	79.2	80.7	64.2	77.5
April	76.5	78.0	56.7	76.6
May	78.0	78.9	57.8	81.1
June	79.7	80.9	56.9	82.3
July	93.6	95.9	73.8	89.6
August	94.0	97.0	73.0	87.2
September	89.6	92.7	65.5	83.2
October	98.5	101.2	77.8	92.7
November	99.4	102.1	79.1	94.0
December	97.1	100.0	76.4	90.7
Year	88.2	90.1	69.5	85.6
1939 - January	97.0	98.7	79.0	94.9
February	95.1	96.0	74.3	97.9
March	96.0	96.6	77.7	99.6
April	85.0	85.1	63.9	92.5
May	98.4	88.3	67.0	96.8
June	89.9	89.9	67.5	98.1
July	91.8	91.8	69.2	100.1
August	90.7	90.4	66.8	101.1
September	99.7	101.3	82.4	98.4
October	100.7	101.8	87.2	100.4
November	98.9	99.6	82.8	101.8
December	97.0	97.6	78.4	101.3
Year	95.1	94.8	74.7	98.8
1940 - January	97.1	97.7	77.7	103.0
February	96.8	97.1	76.5	102.4
March	96.7	97.3	76.7	101.6
April	98.1	98.7	77.3	102.6
May	85.1	85.2	65.4	92.3
June	78.1	77.3	60.8	88.5
July	85.8	79.3	65.2	93.9
August	81.6	80.3	66.0	93.5
September	85.5	84.6	71.6	94.7
October	86.0	85.4	72.6	93.7
November	86.7	86.6	73.6	92.3
December	84.9	84.9	70.0	90.6
Year	88.5	87.9	71.1	95.8
1941 - January	85.0	84.7	73.4	91.1
February	80.1	79.4	70.0	87.1
March	80.3	79.6	70.6	87.1
April	77.9	77.3	71.2	83.1
May	77.1	77.3	70.7	78.9
June	79.5	79.7	70.9	81.6
July	83.2	84.2	73.8	81.8
August	83.2	84.3	74.4	81.0
September	83.6	84.8	72.6	81.3
October	80.4	81.6	70.3	78.5
November	77.4	78.6	68.4	74.5
December	71.8	73.8	61.0	66.2
1942 - January	72.6	74.3	69.0	66.1
February	69.9	71.0	68.4	64.5
March (3rd week)	65.7	66.9	64.7	59.7

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PRICE MOVEMENTS, APRIL, 1942

WHOLESALE: The composite index for 30 industrial material prices on the base 1926=100 remained unchanged during the first three weeks of April at 93.4, but stiffened 0.1 to 93.5 for the week ending the 24th. This compared with an index of 93.2 for the final week of March, indicating a net increase of 0.3. The food section of 5 commodities accounted for this gain, advancing from 84.4 on March 27 to 85.7 on April 24, due to higher prices for wheat, oats, steers and hogs. Reflecting an increase in both field and animal products, the Canadian farm product prices index moved up from 78.7 to 79.9 between the weeks of March 27 and April 24. In the field products series higher quotations for grains and potatoes more than counterbalanced a small decline in hay prices, and the index advanced from 64.4 to 65.2 between March 27 and April 24. Over the same period higher prices for livestock, sheepskins, fowl and eggs moved the animal products index from 102.7 to 104.5.

COST OF LIVING: (Wartime increase 15.0 per cent - from 100.8 to 115.9) The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index remained unchanged at 115.9 on April 1. This index which has been specified as the basis for calculating cost-of-living bonus adjustments under Order-in-Council P.C. 8253 has increased 15.0 per cent between August 1939 and April 1942. All group indexes with the exception of homefurnishings and services were unchanged between March 2 and April 1. Scattered small increases affected a considerable number of foods including butter, beef, tea, bananas, and oranges, but these were balanced by further substantial declines for eggs and minor decreases for veal and potatoes, leaving the food index at 123.7. Rentals remained at 111.2, fuel and light at 112.9 and clothing at 119.8. An increase in homefurnishings and services from 118.0 to 118.1 was due to a small increase in cleaning supplies. The miscellaneous items index remained at 107.1

SECURITIES: Coinciding with increasing gravity of events in the Far East and Europe, a further decline to a new low level for the past nine years was recorded for the Investors' index of 95 common stocks during April. At 60.7 for the week of April 30, the composite index showed a fractional increase over the mid-month low of 60.6, but indicated a net loss of 1.1 points from the March close. In the industrial section losses for pulp and paper, industrial mines and beverages outweighed small increases for the other sub-groups to lower the industrial index 0.7 points to 56.3 between March 26 and April 30. In the utility section sharp decreases for power and traction stocks coupled with lesser declines for telephone and telegraph and transportation issues lowered the group index 2.4 points to 65.7 in the same interval. Bank stocks were down 1.8 points to 87.5 over the month. Following the lead of industrials and utilities a composite index of 25 mining issues dipped to a nine-year low of 47.9 for the week of April 16, but subsequently made some recovery to close at 49.8 for the 30th, compared with 50.5 at the end of March. Section index movements showed golds touching a low of 36.3 for the 16th, while the close at 37.7 indicated a net loss of 0.6 points. During the same period base metal issues dropped to 70.9, but later recovered to 73.8 compared with 74.7 for March 26. Dominion of Canada long-term bond yields were slightly easier during April, and an index based on a 15-year 3 p.c. theoretical issue eased 0.3 points to 99.6.

REVIEW OF IMPORTANT COMMODITY MARKETS

WHEAT AND OTHER GRAINS: Cash wheat prices were moderately firmer in April while coarse grains were mixed. No. 1 Manitoba northern wheat, basis in store, Fort William and Port Arthur, closed up ¾ of a cent per bushel at 79¼¢. No.2 northern finished 7/8 of a cent higher at 76¼¢ while No.3 was quoted ¼ higher at 73½¢. Demand for Canadian wheat both from European and non-European countries continued good. Recent reports stated Portugal had taken more than 3 million bushels since the beginning of the year while considerably increased quantities of both wheat and flour have gone to Russia and the middle east during the season. In addition domestic demand, especially for livestock feeding, has increased being estimated at 59,239,000 bushels compared with 48,100,000 bushels last season. It is belived that the wheat carry-over at the end of the 1941-42 season will approximate 360 million bushels or about 80 million bushels less than the amount in store at the end of the 1940-41 crop year.

In the southern hemisphere new crop seeding was reported, with good moisture conditions indicated in the Argentine. Reports from both the Argentine and Australia point to a small acreage for wheat this season but no sharp reduction was expected except in Western Australia where a reduction of one-third was ordered. Because of complaints of weevil infestation in the old wheat, the Argentine Grain Board commenced selling new wheat to exporters during the month at prices 5¢ per bushel above old crop quotations. On an f.o.b. port basis, however, Argentine wheat was still the cheapest, being quoted at 63½¢ per bushel (United States funds) on April 23 compared with 71¾¢ per bushel for

Australian and 84 3/8 - 89¢ for Canadian.

Coarse grain prices with the exception of oats, were unchanged to lower during April. Flax No.1 C.W. held steady at the fixed price of $1.64 per bushel, while barley, No. 1 feed eased ¼ of a cent during the month to finish at 60¼¢ per bushel and rye No.2 C.W. declined 2 1/8¢ to 62¼¢ in the same interval. No.2 C.W. oats advanced 7/8 of a cent to 51½¢ per bushel.

Description (Basis cash per bushel, Ft. William and Pt. Arthur)	1941 April ¢	1942 March ¢	1942 April ¢
No. 1 Manitoba Northern wheat	75.7	78.0	79.0
No. 2 Canada Western oats	37.1	50.0	51.3
No. 2 Canada Western rye	56.5	64.3	63.9
No. 1 feed barley	50.9	60.8	60.9
No. 1 Canada Western flax	159.6	163.8	164.0

FLOUR AND OTHER MILLED PRODUCTS: As in March, spring wheat flour quotations remained unchanged during April. At Toronto, first patent flour, carlots, was quoted at $5.05 per barrel of 2-98's cotton throughout the month while quotations for the same grade at Winnipeg remained at $5.30 per barrel of 2-98's cotton. Ontario winter wheat flour over the same interval showed no change at $5.70 per barrel, carlots, Montreal rate points. Millers of spring wheat flour, operated at capacity levels on orders placed during the month by the United Kingdom market. Placement of the orders superseded the imposition of regulations in the United Kingdom making it compulsory to mill flour of 85 p.c. extraction as from March 23,1942. However it was announced through the Department of Trade and Commerce in April that for the present Canada will be permitted to ship flour of 75 p.c. extraction, fortified with synthetic vitamin B, in order to build up additional reserves. Some confusion existed in the domestic trade during the month regarding prices for rolled oats and oatmeal. This resulted from a control order reverting prices for these commodities back to June, 1941 levels. Under this arrangement the Federal government was to pay the millers a subsidy to cover increased costs. Following the announcement quotations for rolled oats and oatmeal at Toronto dropped from $3.25 per 80-lb. bag and $4.00 per 98-lb. sack respectively for the week of April 10 to $2.45 and $3.10 in the following week. Subsequent rescinding of the order, however, moved prices back to $3.15 per 80-lb. sack for rolled oats and $3.85 per 98-lb. sack for oatmeal by the end of the month.

Description:	$	(see above dates) $	$
Flour No.1 patent, per barrel, f.o.b. Ontario and Montreal lake and rail points..	5.875	5.05	5.05
Rolled Oats, Toronto, per 80-lb. bag.....	2.438	3.25	3.025
Bran, carlots, f.o.b. Ontario and Montreal lake and rail points	26.50	24.00	24.00

LIVESTOCK: Higher cattle quotations were mainly responsible for raising the index of livestock prices from 126.0 in March to 130.2 in April. Lambs were also slightly above March levels while calves and hogs ruled easier. Deliveries of cattle throughout the month were liberal, but markets held firm, supported by active export and domestic buying. Sales to plants and stockyards totalled 79,608 head compared with 93,089 in March. After dropping 26¢ per cwt. between the weeks ended April 2 and 9, good steers up to 1050 pounds at Toronto moved up to close at $10.69 per cwt., 74¢ above the month's low. Calf marketings at 91,599 head were 14,146 more than in March and prices dropped 1 p.c. below average March levels. Hogs eased fractionally while lambs made small gains. Shipments of hogs to yards and plants at 631,098 were 124,000 greater than in March and 30,420 more than in April 1941.

Descriptions:		$	(see above dates) $	$
Good steers up to 1050 pounds per cwt. at	Toronto.....	8.58	10.00	10.36
	Winnipeg.....	7.89	9.29	10.02
Good veal calves, per cwt. at	Toronto.....	11.14	14.61	14.39
	Winnipeg.....	9.30	11.76	11.75
Hogs B1 dressed per cwt. at	Toronto.....	11.27	15.29	15.19
	Winnipeg.....	10.40	14.17	14.05
Lambs good handyweight per cwt. at	Toronto.....	10.58	12.76	12.79
	Winnipeg.....	9.72	11.46	11.85

BUTTER: Movements in butter markets were narrow in April. At Montreal the jobbing price of creamery prints ranged between 36.3¢ and 36.6¢ per pound. Toronto held close to 36.5¢ and western areas were practically unchanged. Fresh supplies were light and latterly, in eastern areas, demand exceeded offerings with no western shipments to relieve the shortage. Stocks of creamery butter in Canada on May 1 were estimated by the Agricultural Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at 6,510,000 pounds which was 4,547,000 pounds below April 1 and 3,471,000 pounds less than on May 1, 1941. April production of

17,029,000 pounds was more than 5,000,000 pounds greater than in March.

New maxima wholesale prices were established by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board effective as from May 1. First grade creamery solids delivered Quebec City, Montreal Toronto and Vancouver were established at 35¢ per pound for May to October, with a ¾¢ monthly rise till March-April 1943 when a ½¢ rise will be permitted. The new basic price in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta for this grade was 33¼¢ per pound with the same increases being allowed. Maxima price for rolls and prints were set 1¢ per pound above solids.

Description	1941 April ¢	1942 March ¢	1942 April ¢
Jobbing price of first grade creamery prints per lb. at Montreal	33.0	36.3	36.4
Toronto	32.8	36.4	36.5

EGGS: A drop of almost 2½ p.c. in egg prices brought the April index down to 74.3. This compared with 76.3 in March and 54.4 in April 1941. In eastern areas grade A large closed from 1½¢ to 2½¢ per dozen below opening levels while in western sections declines approximated only ½¢ to 1½¢ with Calgary and Vancouver prices remaining firm at 28¢ and 29.5¢ per dozen respectively. The volume of receipts increased steadily while domestic demand slackened somewhat after Easter. Pullet eggs practically disappeared from the market and breaking plant furnished the chief outlet for C's. Cold storage supplies were reported by the Agricultural Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at 9,978,000 dozen on May 1, more than double the April 1, 1942 or May 1, 1941 holdings of 3,633,000 and 3,900,000 dozen respectively, but the bulk of these were in store awaiting distribution to egg drying plants.

Description	(see above dates) ¢	¢	¢
Eggs Grade A large per dozen at Montreal	24.9	34.1	33.0
Toronto	23.4	34.0	32.9

LUMBER AND TIMBER: With the exception of the cedar lumber and timber sub-groups which moved up 5.8 points to 162.5 between March and April because of an advance in the export price of shingles, there were no other changes in the Bureau's lumber and timber price indexes. The pine lumber and timber sub-group remained at 131.6; spruce at 128.8; hemlock 148.4; fir 125.9 and hardwoods 104.8. Reports from the lumber industry during the month indicated a growing scarcity of labour. In British Columbia this led to a log shortage with a consequent reduction in sawmill operations. Latest estimates from that province stated that March 1942 saw log production was about 16 p.c. below the corresponding month of 1941 but 28 p.c. above February. In a new Timber Control order, effective as from April 9, 1942, an increase of $2.00 to $15.00 per thousand was made in the "ceiling" price of camp run logs of hemlock and balsam.

Description (Price Indexes 1926=100)	(see above dates)		
Pine lumber	117.0	131.6	131.6
Spruce lumber	110.6	128.8	128.8
Cedar lumber	116.9	156.7	162.5
Fir lumber	106.2	125.9	125.9
Hemlock lumber	117.3	148.4	148.4

Weekly Index Numbers of 30 Industrial Material Prices
1926=100

Month	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
April 1942	93.4	93.4	93.4	93.5	(May 1) 93.6
March 1942	93.3	93.5	93.4	93.3	-
February 1942	92.6	92.5	93.3	93.3	-
January 1942	91.9	92.2	92.4	92.5	92.5

Weekly Index Numbers of Canadian Farm Products
1926=100

Month	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
April 1942	78.9	79.1	79.5	79.6	(May 1) 79.8
March 1942	78.4	78.6	78.7	78.7	-
February 1942	78.5	78.3	78.5	78.6	-
January 1942	75.2	76.2	77.2	77.8	78.0

SUMMARY TABLES OF CANADIAN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

(1926=100)

	General Wholesale Price Index	Consumers' Goods	Producers' Goods	Building Materials	Raw and Partly Manufactured Goods	Fully and Chiefly Manufactured Goods	Canadian Farm Products			Industrial Materials	Thirteen Sensitive Materials
							Field	Animal	Total		
1913	64.0	62.0	67.7	67.0	63.8	64.8	56.4	77.0	64.1	--	--
1920	155.9	136.1	164.3	144.0	154.1	156.5	166.5	150.8	160.6	--	--
1929	95.6	94.7	96.1	99.0	97.5	93.0	93.8	112.5	100.8	91.8	87.2
1933	67.1	71.1	63.1	78.3	56.6	70.2	45.8	59.7	51.0	54.1	43.8
1939	75.4	75.9	70.4	89.7	67.4	75.3	54.2	81.2	64.3	69.0	57.0
1940	82.9	83.4	78.7	95.6	75.3	81.5	56.0	85.8	67.1	79.0	65.9
1941	90.0	91.1	83.6	107.3	81.8	88.8	56.5	95.9	71.2	87.3	75.0
1939 August	72.3	72.7	66.7	90.2	62.8	72.6	48.2	75.4	58.4	65.3	52.9
1940											
March	83.2	83.2	79.9	94.1	76.3	81.9	63.1	84.9	71.3	79.7	68.0
April	83.1	82.6	80.3	94.2	76.8	81.5	64.9	84.1	72.1	79.4	67.3
May	82.2	82.3	78.7	94.3	75.2	80.5	58.2	84.3	68.0	78.6	66.5
June	81.7	82.5	77.2	94.3	74.0	80.0	52.9	83.5	64.3	77.9	65.3
July	82.6	83.7	77.7	95.3	74.9	80.7	52.8	83.9	64.4	78.7	64.8
August	82.6	83.5	77.9	96.7	73.8	81.3	50.4	83.3	62.7	78.1	63.9
September	83.0	84.0	78.3	97.6	74.4	81.6	50.7	85.8	63.8	78.2	63.1
October	83.3	84.1	78.4	98.0	74.8	81.8	51.1	87.3	64.6	78.8	64.0
November	84.0	84.8	78.8	98.2	76.1	82.4	52.5	91.0	66.9	79.8	66.0
December	84.2	85.2	79.1	98.0	76.2	83.0	52.5	91.6	67.1	79.1	64.7
1941											
January	84.8	85.5	79.8	99.1	76.6	83.4	53.6	90.0	67.2	80.1	65.7
February	85.4	85.7	80.5	100.2	77.7	83.8	54.4	91.6	68.3	81.2	66.9
March	86.0	86.2	81.3	100.6	78.9	84.3	55.6	91.8	69.1	82.3	68.6
April	86.8	87.1	81.6	100.9	79.3	85.4	55.9	92.2	69.5	83.4	70.8
May	88.8	88.8	83.5	107.7	80.8	87.2	55.5	93.3	69.6	86.5	73.6
June	90.1	90.6	84.2	108.4	81.8	88.9	57.1	94.3	71.0	88.0	75.4
July	91.3	92.1	84.6	109.8	82.5	90.4	57.1	96.1	71.7	89.3	77.6
August	92.1	93.5	84.6	111.5	83.5	91.0	56.7	97.9	72.1	90.3	79.7
September	93.4	95.4	85.6	112.1	84.7	92.5	57.6	99.6	73.3	91.5	80.5
October	94.0	96.6	85.8	112.0	85.4	93.1	57.9	101.1	74.1	91.3	80.6
November	94.0	96.7	85.4	112.0	85.4	93.1	57.4	102.0	74.1	91.0	80.4
December	93.6	95.3	85.8	112.8	85.7	92.1	59.2	100.5	74.6	91.7	80.4
1942											
January	94.3	95.3	86.8	113.1	87.2	92.0	62.8	101.5	77.3	92.4	80.4
February	94.6	94.9	87.2	113.3	87.8	91.7	64.3	102.1	78.4	93.2	80.8
March	95.1	95.4	87.4	114.2	88.4	92.1	64.6	102.7	78.8	93.3	80.9
April	95.0	95.1	87.7	114.4	88.6	91.9	65.0	103.7	79.5	93.5	80.9

COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

	Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1941	April 1941	Feb. 1942	March 1942	April 1942
	Total Index	526	90.0	86.8	94.6	95.1	95.0
1.	Vegetable Products	123	77.0	75.9	83.1	83.3	83.4
	Fruits	14	88.6	78.8	87.3	92.4	96.1
	Fresh	4	91.8	80.8	86.6	94.1	100.5
	Dried	4	82.2	78.3	95.7	91.7	91.7
	Canned	6	75.5	67.0	82.8	82.8	74.2
	Grains	22	56.2	56.5	61.1	61.0	61.6
	Flour and Milled Products	12	76.7	77.4	75.5	75.5	75.2
	Bakery Products	2	86.3	85.8	86.8	86.8	86.8
	Vegetable Oils	4	109.8	95.8	131.4	132.4	132.4
	Rubber and Its Products	7	74.2	73.0	75.7	75.7	75.7
	Sugar and Its Products and Glucose	8	115.9	119.2	120.4	120.6	120.6
	Tea, Coffee, Cocoa and Spices	13	109.1	105.0	121.8	122.2	122.0
	Vegetables	13	66.1	61.8	97.1	97.9	96.2
11.	Animals and Their Products	75	92.1	84.5	99.1	100.0	99.5
	Fishery Products	16	92.9	83.5	107.6	107.6	109.7
	Furs	9	80.5	73.6	76.9	79.6	81.9
	Hides and Skins	6	110.3	111.6	122.0	124.5	126.6
	Leather, Unmanufactured	9	106.3	101.8	111.9	111.9	111.9
	Boots and Shoes	2	103.5	100.4	104.5	105.3	105.3
	Live Stock	4	110.0	104.2	122.9	126.0	130.2
	Meats and Poultry	9	95.0	87.6	103.1	104.4	103.7
	Milk and Its Products	12	93.2	86.9	98.4	98.9	97.3
	Fats	5	63.3	48.0	72.3	77.8	77.2
	Eggs	3	70.8	54.4	78.9	76.3	74.3
111.	Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	64	91.0	86.0	92.2	92.1	92.0
	Cotton, Raw	2	98.4	79.1	119.0	119.0	119.0
	Cotton Fabrics	19	87.8	81.3	82.4	82.5	82.5
	Knit Goods	3	95.4	88.9	101.4	101.3	101.3
	Flax, Hemp and Jute Products	6	86.0	80.5	90.9	90.9	90.9
	Silk Hosiery	1	70.2	67.5	73.1	73.1	73.1
	Rayon Fabrics	2	69.0	69.0	68.3	67.2	67.2
	Artificial Silk Products	2	49.0	48.1	49.0	49.0	49.0
	Wool, Raw	3	95.0	93.9	94.7	94.7	94.7
	Wool Hosiery and Knit Goods	5	108.2	107.5	108.8	108.8	108.8
	Wool Cloth	6	104.5	103.5	105.2	105.2	105.2
1V.	Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	96.0	92.6	100.6	101.1	101.3
	Newsprint and Wrapping Paper	2	74.0	74.0	74.0	74.0	74.0
	Lumber	33	120.6	110.8	130.3	131.9	132.6
	Pulp	3	108.9	108.9	116.4	116.4	116.4
	Furniture	10	99.1	96.5	103.5	103.5	103.5
V.	Iron and Its Products	44	111.3	109.0	115.4	115.4	115.4
	Pig Iron and Steel Billets	3	101.7	101.7	104.8	104.8	104.8
	Rolling Mills Products	14	115.0	111.1	121.6	121.6	121.6
	Hardware	16	92.5	91.0	93.9	93.9	93.9
	Wire	3	99.3	97.2	100.4	100.4	100.4
	Scrap	5	112.3	115.0	111.9	111.9	111.9
V1.	Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	17	78.0	77.7	78.4	78.4	78.4
	Brass and Copper Products	5	86.3	85.7	86.7	86.7	86.7
	Lead and Its Products	2	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1
	Tin Ingots	2	91.1	89.5	96.0	96.0	96.0
	Zinc and Its Products	2	59.1	58.9	59.1	59.1	59.1
	Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products (V and V1 above)	61	100.2	98.6	103.1	103.1	103.1

COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION
(1926-100)

Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1941	April 1941	Feb. 1942	March 1942	April 1942
711. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	81	95.6	91.8	99.3	99.3	99.1
Clay and Allied Material Products	10	92.2	88.5	94.2	94.2	94.2
Coal	13	108.3	105.2	111.6	111.6	111.0
Coke	4	121.8	121.4	122.5	122.5	122.5
Manufactured Gas	3	103.4	103.5	103.5	103.5	103.5
Glass and Its Products	6	102.8	99.6	104.4	104.4	104.4
Petroleum Products	5	78.9	72.4	85.1	85.1	85.1
Asphalt	2	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3
Salt	4	123.6	116.6	130.6	130.6	130.6
Lime	4	108.4	101.8	111.8	112.2	112.2
Cement	1	104.1	99.2	106.5	106.5	106.5
Sand and Gravel	8	87.6	87.6	89.6	89.6	89.6
Crushed Stone	3	78.5	76.7	87.6	87.6	87.6
Building Stone	3	68.4	64.3	70.8	70.8	70.8
Asbestos	8	74.1	74.1	74.1	74.1	74.1
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	73	98.7	95.6	104.0	104.1	104.2
Inorganic Chemicals	22	89.2	90.6	88.8	89.1	89.1
Organic Chemicals	5	86.0	83.0	90.4	90.4	90.4
Coal Tar Products	2	90.7	89.9	91.1	91.1	91.1
Dyeing and Tanning Materials	10	131.4	127.2	136.4	136.4	136.4
Explosives	2	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1
Paints, Prepared	1	79.7	76.3	82.5	82.5	82.5
Drugs and Pharmaceutical Chemicals	8	161.3	157.3	174.0	174.0	174.2
Fertilizers	10	87.9	88.1	88.1	88.1	88.1
Industrial Gases	2	85.1	86.5	83.0	83.7	84.2

PURPOSE CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

1. CONSUMERS' GOODS (Groups A and B)	215	91.1	87.1	94.9	95.4	95.1
A. Foods, Beverages and Tobacco	118	89.5	84.7	95.6	96.7	96.2
Beverages	8	112.9	108.2	125.1	125.8	125.8
Flour and Milled Products	12	76.7	77.4	75.5	75.5	75.2
Bakery Products	2	86.3	85.8	86.8	86.8	86.8
Fish	16	92.9	83.5	107.6	107.6	109.7
Fruits	14	88.6	78.8	87.3	92.4	96.1
Meats and Poultry	9	95.0	87.6	103.1	104.4	103.7
Milk and Milk Products	12	93.2	86.9	98.4	98.9	97.3
Sugar and Its Products	8	115.9	119.2	120.4	120.6	120.6
Vegetables	13	66.1	61.8	97.1	97.9	96.2
Eggs	3	70.8	54.4	78.9	76.3	74.3
Tobacco	7	41.9	41.8	44.2	45.7	45.7
B. Other Consumers' Goods	97	92.2	88.7	94.5	94.6	94.3
Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Rubbers Hosiery and Underwear	48	91.4	87.6	90.8	90.9	90.9
Household Equipment and Supplies	49	92.8	89.5	97.3	97.3	96.9
11. PRODUCERS' GOODS (Groups C and D)	377	83.6	81.6	87.2	87.4	87.7
C. Producers' Equipment	24	105.7	102.7	108.5	108.5	108.5
Tools	3	93.7	91.6	98.1	98.1	98.1
Light, Heat and Power Equipment and Supplies	17	106.9	103.7	109.8	109.8	109.9
Explosives	2	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1
Miscellaneous	2	100.8	100.8	100.8	100.8	100.8

PURPOSE CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1941	April 1941	Feb. 1942	March 1942	April 1942
D. Producers' Materials	353	81.1	79.2	84.8	85.0	85.4
Building and Construction Materials	110	107.3	100.9	113.3	114.2	114.4
*Lumber	33	120.6	110.8	130.3	131.9	132.6
Paint	12	82.3	77.9	86.1	88.4	87.7
Miscellaneous	65	100.7	97.1	103.7	103.7	103.7
Manufacturers' Materials	243	76.6	75.5	80.0	80.1	80.5
Textiles and Clothing	46	88.2	83.9	86.9	86.8	86.8
Furs and Leather Goods	24	98.0	93.4	101.2	102.5	103.6
For Metal Working Industries	40	85.1	84.5	86.4	86.5	86.5
For Chemical Using Industries	42	96.5	96.3	97.8	98.1	98.1
For Meat Packing Industries	4	110.0	104.2	122.9	126.0	130.2
For Milling and Other Industries	22	56.2	56.5	61.1	61.0	61.6
Miscellaneous Producers' Materials	65	78.8	78.3	81.9	81.8	81.5

ORIGIN CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Total Raw and Partly Manufactured	223	81.8	79.3	87.8	88.4	88.6
Total Fully and Chiefly Manufactured	302	88.8	85.4	91.7	92.1	91.9
I. Articles of Farm Origin (Domestic and Foreign)						
A. Field						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	84	63.2	61.8	70.8	71.5	72.0
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured	83	86.8	85.2	87.9	88.6	88.3
(c) Total	167	75.9	74.4	80.0	80.7	80.8
B. Animal						
(a) Raw and Partly manufactured	36	95.0	91.3	99.4	100.1	100.0
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured	54	89.0	81.8	94.3	95.0	94.1
(c) Total	90	91.6	85.9	96.5	97.2	96.7
C. Canadian Farm Products						
(1) Field	50	56.5	55.9	64.3	64.6	65.0
(2) Animal	18	95.9	92.2	102.1	102.7	103.7
(3) Total	68	71.2	69.5	78.4	78.8	79.5
II. Articles of Marine Origin						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	7	79.6	68.9	94.3	94.3	93.9
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured	9	96.8	86.4	113.8	113.9	119.5
(c) Total	16	92.1	81.7	108.5	108.6	112.6
*III. Articles of Forest Origin						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	37	117.1	110.2	126.1	127.2	127.7
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured	20	76.9	76.5	77.5	77.5	77.5
(c) Total	57	95.6	92.2	100.2	100.7	100.8
IV. Articles of Mineral Origin						
(a) Raw and Partly manufactured	59	92.6	91.2	94.0	94.0	93.8
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured	136	98.0	94.8	101.7	101.7	101.7
(c) Total	195	95.6	93.2	98.3	98.3	98.2

* Includes both domestic and export prices.

WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES
(All Prices given in Canadian Funds)

Commodity		Yearly Average 1941	April 1941	Feb. 1942	March 1942	April 1942
OATS, No.2 C.W.		$	$	$	$	$
Ft.William and Pt.Arthur cash basis	Bush.	.408	.371	.500	.500	.513
WHEAT, No.1 Man. Northern						
Ft.William and Pt.Arthur cash basis	Bush.	.747	.757	.780	.780	.790
FLOUR, First Patent, 2-98's						
Cottnn, Toronto		5.529	5.875	5.050	5.050	5.050
SUGAR, granulated, Montreal	Cwt.	6.643	6.893	6.893	6.893	6.893
RUBBER, Ceylon, ribbed, smoked sheets, f.o.b. New York	Lb.	.273	.281	.275	.275	.275
LINSEED OIL, Raw, Montreal	Gal.	.834	.820	.885	.900	.900
CATTLE, Steers, good up to 1050 lbs. Toronto	Cwt.	8.694	8.580	9.710	10.000	10.360
HOGS, Bl, Dressed, Toronto	Cwt.	13.240	11.270	15.160	15.290	15.190
BEEF HIDES, Packer Hides, Native Steers, Toronto	Lb.	.149	.143	.150	.150	.150
LEATHER, Packer crops, No.1 and 11, f.o.b. Distributing points	Lb.	.474	.460	.480	.480	.480
BOX SIDES D, f.o.b. Ont. factory	Ft.	.225	.210	.240	.240	.240
BUTTER, Creamery prints, first grade Montreal	Lb.	.348	.330	.359	.363	.364
CHEESE, Canada old, large, Montreal	Lb.	.271	.220	.340	.340	.338
EGGS, Grade "A" large, Montreal	Doz.	.346	.249	.360	.341	.330
COTTON, raw 1" - 1 1/16" Hamilton	Lb.	.188	.155	.223	.223	.223
COTTON YARNS, 10's white single Hosiery cops, Mill	Lb.	.344	.315	.315	.315	.315
WOOL, eastern bright ¼ blood domestic, f.o.b. Ontario	Lb.	.310	.310	.310	.310	.310
WOOL, western range, semi-bright ½ blood, domestic f.o.b. Ontario	Lb.	.263	.250	.260	.260	.260
PULP, groundwood, No.1 delivered, New England	Ton	44.000	44.000	49.500	49.500	49.500
STEEL, Merchant bars, mild Mill	100 Lbs.	2.686	2.550	2.754	2.754	2.754
PIG IRON, foundry No.1, f.o.b. plant	Gross Ton	25.500	25.500	25.500	25.500	25.500
COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic Montreal	Cwt.	11.500	11.500	11.500	11.500	11.500
LEAD, domestic, f.o.b. carlots Montreal	Cwt.	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000
TIN INGOTS, Straits, f.o.b. Toronto	Lb.	.618	.609	.620	.620	.620
ZINC, domestic, f.o.b. carlots Montreal	Cwt.	5.150	5.150	5.150	5.150	5.150
COAL, Anthracite, Toronto f.o.b. carlots	Ton	12.138	11.889	12.499	12.499	11.943
COAL, Bituminous, N.S. run of mine	Ton	5.650	5.700	5.700	5.700	5.700
(A) Gasolene, Standard Toronto	Gal.	.193	.165	.215	.215	.215
SULPHURIC ACID 66° Baume f.o.b. works	Net Ton	17.250	17.000	18.000	18.000	18.000

(A) 1942 - Federal tax included.

PRICE INDEX NUMBER SYNOPSIS

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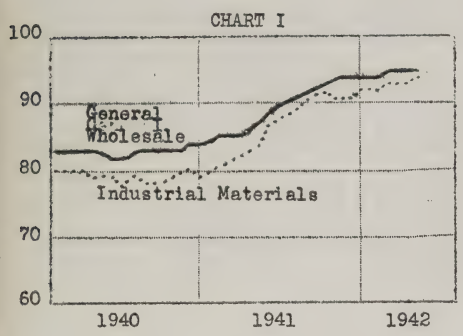

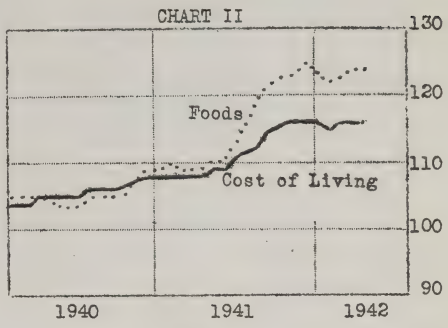

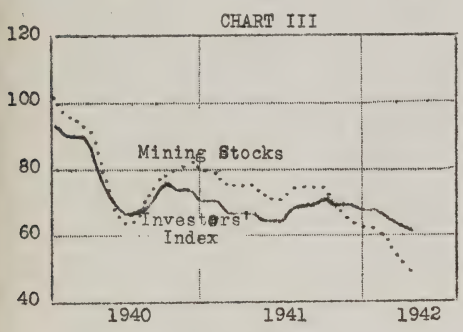

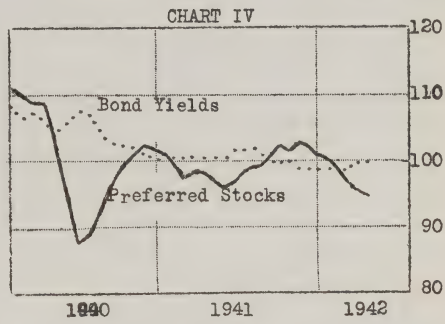

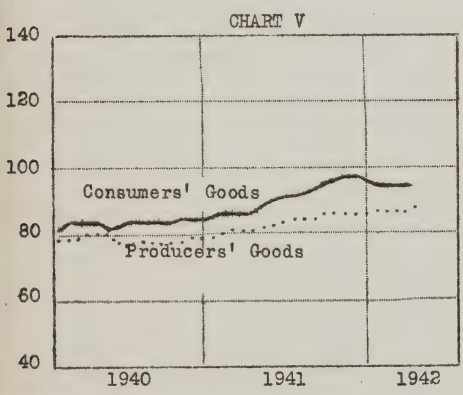

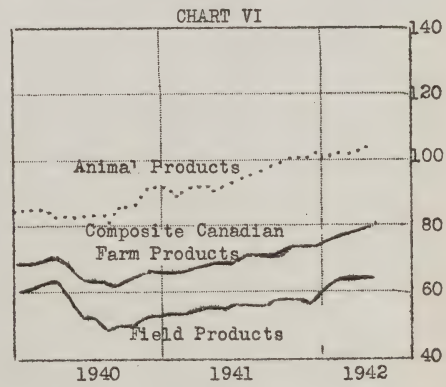

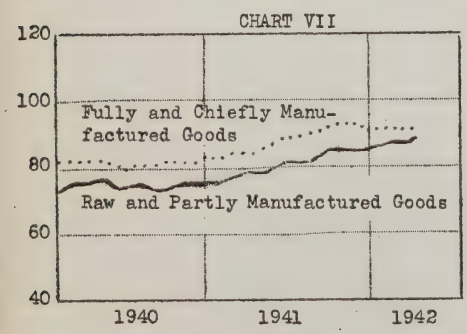

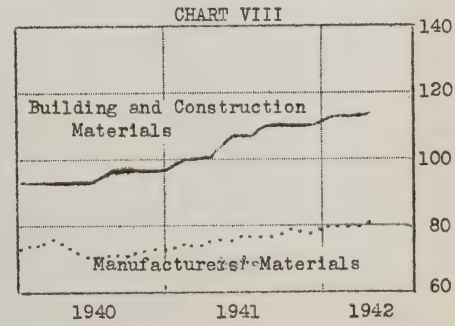

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS IN CANADA, APRIL 1, 1942.

(Calculations based on prices for the first business day of each month.)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of living costs on the base 1935-1939=100, was unchanged at 115.9 on April 1st. This index has risen 15.0 per cent between August 1939 and April 1942. Home furnishings and services which showed a slight advance was the only group to record a change.

An index for 46 food items was unchanged at 123.7, moderate sub-group advances for meats, fruits, vegetables, dry groceries, and dairy products being offset by a substantial decline in eggs.

The home furnishings and services index rose from 118.0 to 118.1, following a small increase in cleaning supplies. Indexes for other groups were unchanged, as follows: Fuel 112.9, clothing 119.8, rent 111.2 and miscellaneous items 107.1.

An index for retail prices alone was unchanged at 120.6.

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS, 1913-APRIL 1, 1942.

(1935-1939=100)

	Total Index	Food Index	Rent Index	Fuel and Lighting Index	Clothing Index	Home Furnishings and Miscellaneous Index	Retail Prices Index (Commodities only)
1913	79.7	88.3	74.3	76.9	88.0	70.3	-
1914	80.0	91.9	72.1	75.4	88.9	70.3	-
1917	104.5	133.3	75.8	83.8	130.3	81.5	-
1918	118.3	152.8	80.2	92.2	152.3	91.4	-
1920	150.5	188.1	100.2	119.9	213.1	110.3	-
1926	121.8	133.3	115.9	116.8	139.1	106.1	-
1929	121.7	134.7	119.7	112.6	134.8	105.0	-
1930	120.8	131.5	122.7	111.8	130.6	105.4	-
1934	95.6	92.7	93.2	102.1	97.1	97.8	-

	Percentage Increase Since Aug.1,1939						Home furnishings and Services Index		Miscellaneous Index	
1935		96.2	94.6	94.0	100.9	97.6	95.4	98.7	95.9
1936		98.1	97.8	96.1	101.5	99.3	97.2	99.1	98.1
1937		101.2	103.2	99.7	98.9	101.4	101.5	100.1	102.0
1938		102.2	103.8	103.1	97.7	100.9	102.4	101.2	102.8
1939		101.5	100.6	103.8	101.2	100.7	101.4	101.4	101.0
1940		105.6	105.6	106.3	107.1	109.2	107.2	102.3	106.6
1941	10.8	111.7	116.1	109.4	110.3	116.1	113.8	105.1	114.9
1939 Aug. 1..		100.8	99.3	103.8	99.0	100.1	100.9	101.3	100.0
1940 Dec. 2..	7.1	108.0	109.1	107.7	108.5	113.5	110.7	102.8	110.0
1941 Jan. 2..	7.4	108.3	109.7	107.7	108.6	113.7	110.8	103.1	110.4
Feb. 1..	7.3	108.2	108.8	107.7	108.7	114.1	111.5	103.1	110.1
Mar. 1..	7.3	108.2	109.0	107.7	108.9	114.2	111.6	102.9	110.2
Apr. 1..	7.7	108.6	110.1	107.7	108.9	114.3	111.7	102.9	110.7
May 1..	8.5	109.4	109.7	109.7	109.2	114.5	111.8	105.1	110.9
June 2..	9.6	110.5	112.5	109.7	110.2	114.9	112.1	105.6	112.7
July 2..	11.0	111.9	116.6	109.7	110.5	115.1	113.0	105.6	114.9
Aug. 1..	12.8	113.7	121.3	109.7	110.5	115.7	114.3	106.1	117.7
Sept.2..	13.8	114.7	123.3	109.7	110.9	117.4	115.8	106.4	119.4
Oct. 1..	14.6	115.5	123.2	111.2	112.1	119.6	117.3	106.5	120.1
Nov. 1..	15.4	116.3	125.4	111.2	112.7	120.0	117.9	106.7	121.4
Dec. 1..	14.9	115.8	123.8	111.2	112.7	119.9	117.9	106.7	120.6
1942 Jan. 2..	14.5	115.4	122.3	111.2	112.9	119.9	118.0	106.8	119.9
Feb. 2..	14.8	115.7	123.1	111.2	112.9	119.8	118.0	107.1	120.3
Mar. 2..	15.0	115.9	123.7	111.2	112.9	119.8	118.0	107.1	120.6
Apr. 1..	15.0	115.9	123.7	111.2	112.9	119.8	118.1	107.1	120.6

Order-in-Council P.C.8253 (October 27, 1941) provides for a cost-of-living bonus of 25 cents per week for each one per cent of increase in the official index number measured from August, 1939. For convenience the percentage increase each month as compared with August, 1939, is shown in the left-hand column.

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS IN EIGHT REGIONAL CITIES
(August 1939=100)

	Halifax	Saint John	Montreal	Toronto	Winnipeg	Saskatoon	Edmonton	Vancouver
			General Cost of Living					
1940								
August	107.5	105.4	107.1	104.2	104.6	105.3	103.7	103.7
1941								
October	112.7	113.2	116.3	114.0	112.2	115.7	111.4	112.3
December	113.1	114.5	116.8	114.5	113.1	116.4	111.4	112.4
1942								
February	113.5	115.2	117.1	114.5	112.4	115.7	110.9	112.1
April	113.5	115.1	117.4	114.7	112.6	116.1	111.1	112.2
			Foods					
1940								
August	112.3	108.4	106.0	104.5	107.9	106.1	104.6	105.8
1941								
October	124.7	119.4	125.9	122.3	121.6	126.1	121.8	124.0
December	126.4	122.5	126.5	123.5	124.1	127.1	121.1	124.1
1942								
February	127.3	124.1	127.1	123.2	121.7	124.9	119.4	122.8
April	127.3	123.9	128.0	123.9	122.4	126.2	119.7	123.3
			Rent					
1940								
August	106.8	100.0	109.3	102.9	101.2	104.0	100.3	99.2
1941								
October	104.2	107.3	108.3	108.5	104.4	113.1	100.0	99.4
December	104.2	107.3	108.3	108.5	104.4	113.1	100.0	99.4
1942								
February	104.2	107.3	108.3	108.5	104.4	113.1	100.0	99.4
April	104.2	107.3	108.3	108.5	104.4	113.1	100.0	99.4
			Fuel and Lighting					
1940								
August	104.1	104.3	113.6	110.0	104.6	107.0	104.9	108.8
1941								
October	105.9	106.5	114.8	116.1	107.1	107.0	99.4	111.5
December	105.9	109.5	116.3	117.7	107.1	107.0	99.4	111.5
1942								
February	105.9	109.5	116.3	117.7	107.1	107.0	99.4	111.5
April	105.9	109.5	116.3	117.7	107.1	107.0	99.4	111.5
			Clothing					
1940								
August	110.2	110.6	110.6	107.3	106.9	109.6	109.7	109.3
1941								
October	116.4	121.0	122.5	117.3	116.6	118.3	122.1	118.3
December	116.1	120.8	123.1	117.3	117.1	119.9	122.9	118.8
1942								
February	116.1	120.7	123.1	117.2	116.8	119.2	122.7	118.8
April	116.1	120.8	123.2	117.3	116.8	119.2	122.9	118.6
			Home Furnishings and Services					
1940								
August	106.9	107.1	109.2	104.5	104.6	106.9	106.4	103.6
1941								
October	114.7	115.4	117.0	114.1	114.9	118.0	116.2	112.3
December	114.5	115.9	117.5	114.1	115.3	120.2	117.0	113.1
1942								
February	114.7	116.1	117.5	114.1	115.7	120.1	117.1	113.1
April	114.7	116.1	117.6	114.2	115.6	120.1	117.2	112.8
			Miscellaneous					
1940								
August	101.9	102.7	102.2	102.0	101.8	101.8	101.6	101.0
1941								
October	105.3	106.9	104.5	106.8	105.3	104.6	104.6	104.9
December	105.3	107.0	104.6	106.9	105.3	104.7	104.7	104.9
1942								
February	105.7	107.6	105.1	107.3	105.6	105.0	104.9	105.2
April	105.7	107.6	105.1	107.3	105.6	105.0	104.9	105.2

CITY COST OF LIVING INDEX NUMBERS, APRIL 1, 1942

April 1st cost-of-living indexes for regional cities were higher than February 2nd levels for six cities of the eight represented. The index for St. John showed a slight decline, while that for Halifax was unchanged. Prices for foods were responsible mainly for index movements. Slight increases occurred in the clothing indexes for St. John, Montreal, Toronto and Edmonton. Vancouver index moved slightly lower while those for Halifax, Winnipeg and Saskatoon recorded no change.

INVESTORS' INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCK PRICES

Price averages for industrial, utility and bank common stocks were all lower at the close of April. The general price index of 95 common stocks fell 2.1 p.c. during the month to 60.7 on April 30. Price movements were mixed in the industrial section, resulting in a loss of 2.3 p.c. Declines of 6.0 p.c. for pulp and paper and 5.9 p.c. for industrial mines together with losses of a lesser extent in some other subgroups more than outweighed gains of 3.9 p.c. for foods, 2.1p.c. for machinery and equipment stocks and fractional increases in textiles and milling shares. A weaker tone was noted in the utilities. Due mainly, to a drop of 3.6 p.c. in the power and traction issues, an index for utilities recorded a loss of 2.2 p.c. receding from 67.2 on April 2 to 65.7 on the 30th. Banks were quite steady in the first three weeks of the month but in the final week the index lost ground to close at 87.5 for a net decrease of 1.6 p.c. The Bureau's monthly price index of common stocks was 61.1 in April as compared with 62.3 in March. Industrials were off 1.2 points to 56.6, utilities moved lower a like amount to 66.3 and banks 1.0 to 88.4.

MINING STOCK PRICES

A revival of strength in mining stocks was evident in the last part of April and gains recorded in this period almost cut in half losses sustained earlier in the month. However, a representative index of twenty-five mining issues dropped 3.6 p.c. during April to close at 49.8. Golds fell 3.8 p.c. to 37.7 and base metals 3.3 p.c. to 73.8 between April 2 and 30, against respective declines of 10.5 p.c. and 3.7 p.c. in March. The general price index of mining stocks moved lower from 51.9 to 49.3 in April. Following is a table of average prices for the weeks of April 2 and 30, 1942 as compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

GOLDS

	April 30	April 2		April 30	April 2
Beattie	$ .57	$ .70	Little Long Lac	$ .95	$ .97
Bralorne	7.10	7.40	Macassa	2.07	2.30
Buffalo-Ankerite	1.05	1.80	McIntyre	37.25	39.50
Cariboo Gold Quartz	1.10	1.00	Pickle Crow	1.42	1.85
Central Patricia	.84	.95	Pioneer	1.40	1.50
Dome	11.75	12.00	San Antonio	1.45	1.51
God's Lake	.08	.12	Siscoe	.35	.375
Hollinger	7.75	7.65	Sylvanite	1.28	1.30
Kirkland Lake	.41	.48	Teck-Hughes	1.73	1.72
Lake Shore	7.00	7.25	Uchi	--	.037
Lamaque Gold Mines	3.50	3.30	Wright-Hargreaves	1.93	1.95

BASE METALS

Falconbridge	2.75	--	Noranda	43.00	43.50
Hudson Bay	23.50	25.00			

PREFERRED STOCKS

The Bureau's preferred stock price index declined 1.2 p.c. to 94.5 in April. This is the lowest point reached since August, 1940, when the index stood at 93.9. Oils were foremost in the downward movement with a loss of 7.6 p.c. between March and April. They were followed by the Machinery and Equipment group down 5.2 p.c., Power, 4.9 p.c. and Pulp and Paper, 3.2 p.c. Declining more moderately were Foods showing a loss of 1.8 p.c. from March averages, Tobacco issues, 1.2 p.c. and Beverages 1.0 p.c. The only gain of note was made by the Textile group with an advance of 1.4 p.c. over the previous month.

INDEX NUMBERS OF 30 PREFERRED STOCK PRICES, 1935-1942
(1935-1939=100)

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1935	88.7	89.0	85.9	83.5	82.5	82.5	84.0	85.5	83.5	83.8	87.5	89.0
1936	90.3	83.1	92.0	91.7	90.0	91.9	95.9	97.2	101.1	104.7	109.9	113.3
1937	119.7	121.1	133.8	124.4	120.9	119.8	119.9	122.4	109.8	99.2	98.9	97.7
1938	100.6	99.0	93.5	94.3	96.6	98.7	105.2	104.7	98.1	106.2	105.5	104.8
1939	102.5	101.8	101.2	95.2	95.3	98.8	100.1	97.7	100.5	107.4	108.7	110.1
1940	110.7	109.7	108.8	108.9	96.7	86.9	89.0	93.9	99.1	100.7	103.0	101.7
1941	101.4	97.6	98.7	97.9	96.3	96.8	98.5	100.0	103.2	102.2	102.6	100.7
1942	99.6	96.8	95.6	94.5								

INVESTORS' MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCKS

(1935-39=100)

Number of Securities 1942	GENERAL: Total	GENERAL: Total	INDUSTRIALS: Machinery and Equipment	INDUSTRIALS: Pulp and Paper	INDUSTRIALS: Milling	INDUSTRIALS: Oils	INDUSTRIALS: Textiles and Clothing	INDUSTRIALS: Food and Allied Products	INDUSTRIALS: Beverages	INDUSTRIALS: Building Materials	INDUSTRIALS: Industrial Mines	UTILITIES: Total	UTILITIES: Transportation	UTILITIES: Telephone Telegraph	UTILITIES: Power and Traction	BANKS: Total
	95	68	8	7	3	4	10	12	7	15	2	19	2	2	15	8
1939 - September..	91.2	92.5	106.2	95.1	117.6	82.6	106.6	106.3	86.5	104.5	105.2	83.7	75.9	99.4	81.0	95.8
October....	96.6	97.3	119.2	116.5	125.3	93.3	120.6	111.3	96.8	115.7	98.6	90.7	83.5	105.1	89.6	99.0
November...	94.4	94.5	112.8	113.0	118.9	87.3	122.9	108.5	101.6	112.5	97.4	88.7	68.2	106.6	89.7	102.9
December...	92.2	90.9	113.6	118.0	120.0	82.0	125.5	112.1	104.2	111.6	93.0	90.7	70.8	107.7	92.3	103.1
1940 - January....	90.9	89.1	107.4	122.0	116.5	78.2	128.0	113.9	107.9	108.3	92.2	90.7	69.9	107.4	92.3	103.3
February...	90.2	88.6	103.8	116.5	116.0	79.4	134.4	114.8	106.8	105.5	90.2	89.9	71.2	107.1	90.8	103.0
March.....	90.3	87.5	107.2	114.0	113.7	78.0	135.4	115.6	107.9	105.3	88.3	93.4	84.0	107.7	92.0	104.0
April.....	88.4	85.1	105.9	122.4	113.0	74.1	135.7	115.0	109.9	105.2	84.9	93.4	82.7	106.1	93.2	102.4
May.....	73.3	69.2	82.0	81.1	91.5	62.6	119.3	102.7	94.0	83.2	65.0	78.2	57.1	99.3	78.3	97.4
June.....	65.5	61.2	74.5	65.2	74.1	50.3	104.2	89.7	85.2	74.3	62.7	71.0	47.3	95.6	70.8	91.3
July.....	66.1	62.6	73.5	69.2	79.1	50.8	110.4	90.8	91.0	73.5	65.8	70.4	49.0	91.4	70.9	85.5
August.....	69.3	65.8	78.7	76.2	80.6	52.4	114.0	93.5	95.9	77.5	71.2	73.6	55.0	95.3	73.2	88.1
September..	75.8	73.1	85.5	82.1	95.5	60.7	121.4	101.6	99.5	87.0	77.4	78.0	60.1	99.5	77.2	92.9
October....	74.2	71.3	84.0	80.1	93.5	56.2	120.8	101.4	99.5	88.9	77.7	77.0	55.4	100.2	76.9	91.9
November...	74.5	71.3	86.0	82.6	81.4	54.5	121.5	100.7	105.8	91.2	77.8	78.2	62.2	101.4	76.2	92.7
December...	70.3	65.9	78.6	76.7	75.2	48.7	116.8	99.6	106.5	87.6	71.4	76.4	55.8	101.3	75.6	94.6
1941 - January....	71.3	66.9	77.6	74.1	72.3	51.6	110.6	96.8	104.3	84.0	73.2	77.3	60.9	101.2	75.4	94.7
February...	66.5	62.3	72.9	63.8	69.5	48.7	105.0	90.1	96.6	77.3	67.3	71.3	51.6	100.2	68.8	90.9
March.....	66.8	63.1	73.6	65.4	69.5	49.5	103.1	87.9	93.7	78.5	69.0	70.7	55.7	99.2	67.0	89.9
April.....	65.8	62.3	73.2	63.9	68.6	49.4	101.3	88.6	88.1	77.8	67.8	68.2	57.3	97.8	62.2	89.7
May.....	63.9	60.7	71.8	59.7	63.4	51.3	97.4	88.6	82.8	74.4	62.6	65.2	54.8	91.6	60.3	88.3
June.....	64.0	60.3	72.0	59.5	67.5	48.0	101.1	90.1	87.3	74.9	64.2	67.1	58.9	92.0	62.0	89.0
July.....	67.5	64.0	76.3	66.1	67.5	48.4	105.7	90.5	94.3	77.8	72.3	70.6	65.8	93.0	65.3	89.7
August.....	67.8	64.4	76.8	70.2	72.4	49.1	106.3	91.8	95.7	79.7	71.5	71.2	70.0	94.6	64.4	89.7
September..	71.0	67.5	80.5	78.5	75.1	51.3	108.4	93.3	102.4	82.4	75.8	74.7	70.3	98.6	68.8	91.2
October....	69.1	65.5	78.3	75.5	74.5	51.2	105.7	91.9	98.7	78.9	71.7	72.5	65.7	96.8	67.2	90.8
November...	68.8	65.3	78.2	76.4	74.9	52.9	110.0	91.0	102.6	77.8	68.9	71.1	65.2	95.3	65.5	91.7
December...	67.2	63.9	75.5	72.9	72.2	49.0	110.4	91.4	104.8	75.5	69.7	68.7	60.4	95.9	63.0	90.5
1942 - January....	66.8	62.9	74.3	71.9	74.5	45.9	112.8	88.7	99.2	75.1	71.9	70.4	64.5	95.5	64.4	91.1
February...	64.7	60.8	73.4	69.3	69.7	43.6	108.7	85.5	96.3	73.9	70.1	67.7	60.5	93.5	62.1	91.1
March.....	62.3	57.8	69.7	66.1	70.9	41.2	104.3	75.8	92.8	74.0	67.3	67.5	59.4	93.5	62.0	89.4
April.....	61.1	56.6	70.6	63.2	69.6	41.4	102.4	74.2	93.1	73.9	64.2	66.3	60.6	91.9	60.2	88.4

INDEX NUMBERS OF TWENTY-FIVE MINING STOCKS
(1935-39=100)

No. of Stocks 1942	Gold 22	Base Metals 3	Total Index 25
x1929 - High	76.2	127.3	89.2
Low	44.8	63.0	60.6
x1932 - High	53.6	32.9	45.2
Low	41.2	17.0	32.6
x1933 - High	95.0	57.7	81.4
Low	55.1	27.3	45.4
x1934 - High	119.0	67.1	99.9
Low	87.6	50.0	74.8
x1935 - High	111.4	84.7	95.3
Low	88.9	51.5	80.1
x1936 - High	115.7	128.9	118.8
Low	100.5	82.3	94.4
x1937 - High	120.0	142.7	125.6
Low	84.7	73.3	80.8
x1938 - High	106.6	129.1	112.2
Low	89.3	82.8	87.3
x1939 - High	105.7	130.1	113.5
Low	82.5	109.6	91.9
x1940 - High	92.1	122.4	102.2
Low	55.8	69.5	60.5
x1941 - High	75.2	96.1	80.6
Low	50.7	80.6	61.0
1940			
January	91.1	119.6	100.9
February	86.5	115.3	96.2
March	82.0	112.8	92.5
April	81.3	110.8	91.2
May	67.6	88.5	74.5
June	57.7	74.7	63.4
July	59.1	75.1	64.8
August	64.6	83.7	71.0
September	70.8	91.0	77.5
October	72.9	91.3	79.2
November	76.3	94.5	82.4
December	74.9	90.0	80.2
1941			
January	74.4	89.2	79.4
February	70.6	83.2	74.9
March	70.0	84.7	75.1
April	69.0	87.6	75.1
May	66.1	81.2	71.2
June	64.4	83.9	71.0
July	66.2	91.3	74.6
August	66.0	91.7	74.6
September	66.0	94.0	75.4
October	60.8	87.4	69.7
November	54.9	85.0	65.0
December	52.2	84.8	63.2
1942			
January	50.5	84.3	61.9
February	45.4	81.5	57.5
March	40.1	75.3	51.9
April	37.5	72.8	49.3
Weekly Index Numbers			
Week ending April 2nd	39.2	76.3	51.6
" " " 9th	39.2	74.4	51.0
" " " 16th	36.3	70.9	47.9
" " " 23rd	36.6	72.0	48.5
" " " 30th	37.7	73.8	49.8
" " May 7th	37.3	73.8	49.5

X Weekly figures.

INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELDS

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index of Dominion of Canada long-term bond yields, on the base 1935-1939=100, remained at 99.6 for April. This was 1.0 below April 1941, and 5.9 below April 1940. Opening the month at 99.9, the weekly index dropped 0.3 in the week ending April 8, and another 0.3 in the week following. A partial recovery raised it to 99.6 for the week ending April 22, and the month closed showing a net reduction of 0.3. Price advances had a slight edge over reductions in the provincial section, although changes were mixed and, for the most part, small. Based upon information furnished by Wood, Gundy and Company, Limited, an index of representative Province of Ontario bond yields declined from 92.9 for March to 91.2 for April. The average yield of the issues included in the index decreased from 3.27 to 3.21.

British Consols moved from 83 3/16 to 82 3/4, while the Dow-Jones average of selected United States bonds declined from 90.77 to 90.48.

MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELDS, 1936 - 1942.
(1935-1939=100)

	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942
January	106.5	95.2	102.2	97.3	109.3	100.6	99.4
February	103.6	100.1	100.8	97.2	107.2	100.8	99.3
March	102.4	106.4	100.3	95.4	107.9	100.5	99.6
April	101.8	107.2	97.4	96.3	105.5	100.6	99.6
May	100.9	106.4	96.2	97.8	104.5	101.1	-
June	98.0	105.6	98.0	95.7	107.8	101.9	-
July	95.5	104.4	98.7	96.0	107.0	101.5	-
August	92.6	102.9	98.8	98.6	104.3	101.2	-
September	91.8	103.2	101.9	117.0	103.1	100.3	-
October	96.0	106.2	99.3	111.9	102.6	100.2	-
November	94.7	105.7	97.4	108.4	101.9	99.1	-
December	93.3	102.9	97.2	110.5	101.0	99.3	-

WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BONDS, 1942.

	Yields		Yields		Yields
February 4	99.3	March 4	99.3	April 1	99.9
" 11	99.3	" 11	99.6	" 8	99.6
" 18	99.3	" 18	99.6	" 15	99.3
" 25	99.3	" 25	99.9	" 22	99.6
				" 29	99.6

EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS AT MONTREAL AUGUST 1939 AND 1940 - 1942

Note: The noon rates in Canadian Funds upon which these averages are based have been supplied by the Bank of Canada.

	New York Funds $	London Sterling $	(A) Argentine Peso (Paper) $	(A) Brazil Milreis $	India Rupee $
1939 - August	1.0047	4.6327	.2321	.0504	.3346
1940	*1.1050	*4.450	.2539	.0557	.3359
1941	1.1050	4.450	.2621	.0563	.3356
1942 - January	1.1050	4.450	.2619	.0569	.3359
February	1.1050	4.450	.2618	.0570	.3359
March	1.1050	4.450	.2627	.0571	.3359
April	1.1050	4.450	.2628	.0571	.3359

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* Since September 16, 1939, quotations used are the average of the daily buying and selling rate of the Foreign Exchange Control Board. The current buying and selling rate for sterling is $4.43 and $4.47 and U.S. funds $1.10 and $1.11.

(A) Unofficial.

MONTHLY INDEXES OF AMERICAN STOCK PRICES, 1938 - 1941.
(Issued by Standard and Poor's Trade Securities)
(1935-1939=100)

	Composite	Industrials	Railroads	Utilities
1938 - April	76.5	78.0	56.7	76.6
May	78.0	78.9	57.8	81.1
June	79.7	80.9	56.9	82.3
July	93.6	95.9	73.8	89.6
August	94.0	97.0	73.0	87.2
September	89.6	92.7	65.5	83.2
October	98.5	101.2	77.8	92.7
November	99.4	102.1	79.1	94.0
December	97.1	100.0	76.4	90.7
Year	88.2	90.1	69.5	85.6
1939 - January	97.0	98.7	79.0	94.9
February	95.1	96.0	74.3	97.9
March	96.0	96.6	77.7	99.6
April	85.0	85.1	63.9	92.5
May	98.4	88.3	67.0	96.8
June	89.9	89.9	67.5	98.1
July	91.8	91.8	69.2	100.1
August	90.7	90.4	66.8	101.1
September	99.7	101.3	82.4	98.4
October	100.7	101.8	87.2	100.4
November	98.9	99.6	82.8	101.8
December	97.0	97.6	78.4	101.3
Year	95.1	94.8	74.7	98.8
1940 - January	97.1	97.7	77.7	103.0
February	96.8	97.1	76.5	102.4
March	96.7	97.3	76.7	101.6
April	98.1	98.7	77.3	102.6
May	85.1	85.2	65.4	92.3
June	78.1	77.3	60.8	88.5
July	85.8	79.3	65.2	93.9
August	81.6	80.3	66.0	93.5
September	85.5	84.6	71.6	94.7
October	86.0	85.4	72.6	93.7
November	86.7	86.6	73.6	92.3
December	84.9	84.9	70.0	90.6
Year	88.5	87.9	71.1	95.8
1941 - January	85.0	84.7	73.4	91.1
February	80.1	79.4	70.0	87.1
March	80.3	79.6	70.6	87.1
April	77.9	77.3	71.2	83.1
May	77.1	77.3	70.7	78.9
June	79.5	79.7	70.9	81.6
July	83.2	84.2	73.8	81.8
August	83.2	84.3	74.4	81.0
September	83.6	84.8	72.6	81.3
October	80.4	81.6	70.3	78.5
November	77.4	78.6	68.4	74.5
December	71.8	73.8	61.0	66.2
1942 - January	72.6	74.3	69.0	66.1
February	69.9	71.0	68.4	64.5
March	66.0	67.2	65.0	60.5
April (2nd week)	65.3	66.9	63.0	58.3

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PRICE MOVEMENTS, MAY, 1942.

WHOLESALE: Moderate increases for a limited number of items, including pulp, oats, steers and hogs were sufficient to advance the weekly industrial materials composite index on the base 1926=100 from 93.6 for the final week of April to 94.1 for the week of May 29. The food group moved up 2.4 points to 88.7 during the month while the stable group closed 0.3 points higher at 113.6. The manufacturing series at 80.9 was unchanged. Canadian farm product prices continued to move higher, reflecting advances for both field and animal products. Closing the month at a peak of 81.0 the weekly composite series indicated an increase of 1.3 points over the final April figure. Animal products registered an increase of 2.7 to 106.8, due to sharply higher prices for livestock and a small advance for eggs. During the same period the field products series rose 0.5 points to 65.7, reflecting gains for grains and potatoes which more than offset a decline in hay prices.

COST OF LIVING: (Wartime increase 15.2 per cent - from 100.8 to 116.1) The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index advanced from 115.9 on April 1 to 116.1 on May 1, 1942. This index has risen 15.2 per cent between August 1939 and May 1942. The May increase was due mainly to foods, although fractional gains were recorded for clothing and rent. Between April and May the food index moved up from 123.7 to 124.3, because of increases in meats, vegetables and fruits; egg prices declined moderately. In May the rent index advanced from 111.2 to 111.3, and clothing increased from 119.8 to 119.9. Homefurnishings declined from 118.1 to 118.0 because of small reductions among floor coverings and cleaning supplies. The two remaining groups remained unchanged in May as follows: fuel 112.9 and miscellaneous items 107.1

SECURITIES: Resistance to the persistent downward trend in stock prices developed in May, and the Investors' index for 95 common shares gained 1.8 points to 62.5 between April 30 and May 28. Accounting for most of this increase was appreciable strength for machinery and equipment shares and oils coupled with lesser gains for beverages, building materials and industrial mines. The industrial section index gained 2.2 points to 58.5 in May, while the utility section series moved up 1.2 to 66.9, largely due to higher quotations in the power and traction sub-group. Bank shares were fractionally lower, easing 0.3 to 87.2. Stocks in the mining section also shared in the current market upturn, a composite index for 25 representative issues moving up to a peak of 53.9 for the week of May 21, while the close at 52.5 indicated a net increase of 2.7 points. Both golds and base metal shares showed increases, the former gaining 3.2 to 40.9 and the latter 1.7 to 75.5 between April 30 and May 28. Dominion of Canada long-term bond yields were somewhat easier in May, an index based upon a 15-year 3 p.c. theoretical issue declining 0.3 points to 99.3 during the week of May 21 where it held for the remainder of the month.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX MOVEMENTS BETWEEN APRIL AND MAY, 1942.

VEGETABLE PRODUCTS: Higher prices among fresh fruits, potatoes, grains, flour and tea, coffee, cocoa and spices were sufficient to advance the vegetable group index 0.4 points to 83.8 in May. This index is now approximately 43 p.c. above the pre-war level. In the fresh fruit section higher prices for bananas and lemons more than offset slightly lower quotations for oranges to advance the index from 100.5 to 103.3 between April and May. Higher quotations for potatoes in all of seven representative markets moved the index for this group from 86.9 to 91.4 in the same interval. The grain sub-group advanced 0.3 points to 61.9 reflecting small gains for wheat, oats, barley and corn which more than offset minor losses for rye. The Minister of Trade and Commerce stated in the latter half of the month that the British market had bought a further 120 million bushels of wheat futures (October and December) following the purchase of an equal amount last November. A rise in the flour and other milled products index from 75.2 to 75.3 was due to higher prices for oatmeal and rolled oats which more than counterbalanced a drop of $3.00 per ton in gluten feed. In the tea, coffee, cocoa and spices sub-group an increase in the import price for cocoa beans was sufficient to advance the index 0.7 points to 122.7 for May. The canned fruit sub-group closed the month 0.7 lower at 73.5 on account of a 25¢ drop in corn syrup, Ontario and Quebec points, in 5 case lots. Also recording decreases for the month were certain hay prices and starch in the miscellaneous section. This index recorded a 0.8 point decrease to 109.1. Other sub-groups were unchanged between April and May.

ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS: Higher prices for livestock, sheep skins, fresh meats and poultry outweighed declines for milk, cheese, fishery products, lard and eggs and the animal product wholesale price index rose from 99.5 in April to 99.7 in May. Minor gains for sheep skins brought an index of hides and skins up ½ p.c. to 127.2. Steers, hogs and lambs advanced while calves showed seasonal declines. Continued light runs and keen demand for beef sent cattle prices sharply upward. Good steers, up to 1050 pounds, rose from $10.36 in April to $10.91 per cwt. at Toronto, and from $10.02 to $10.54 at Winnipeg. Veal calves averaged 14¢ less at Toronto, but were 2¢ per cwt. above May levels at Winnipeg. Hogs moved narrowly upward. Good handyweight lambs rose from $12.79 to $13.64 at Toronto and from $11.85 to $11.93 per cwt. at Winnipeg. Fresh meats followed the lead of livestock to average 2 p.c. above April levels. Milk and cheese were easier, while butter held firm. Cold storage stocks of creamery butter were reported by the Agricultural Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at 10,071,000 pounds on June 1, over 4 million pounds greater than on May 1, but about 8½ million below June 1, 1941. A surplus of top grades of eggs was absorbed under the export contract and A's large held firm while B's and C's each eased about 4/5¢ per dozen. The prices of the new pack of canned lobsters at Halifax moved down from $4.59 to $4.32 per dozen.

FIBRES, TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS: There were no price changes in the fibres, textiles and textile products group in May, and the index remained at 92.0. Compared with pre-war levels, however, the index has risen 38.3 p.c. Under a recent ruling by the Canadian Wool Board Limited, maximum prices were established for this seasons crop of eastern and western fleece which will average 10 to 15 p.c. above last year's levels. With 11 million yards of wool goods and one million blankets allocated under war order No.12, it was anticipated the woollen industry would be employed at 80 to 90 p.c. of capacity on this order alone for several months. Amounts of raw wool to be used in civilian goods were reduced 30 to 50 p.c. under the wool administrator's order No.A88, issued April 9. In the cotton section it was currently estimated 40 p.c. of production was either directly or indirectly for war orders while another 25 p.c. was for essential civilian cotton goods. Raw cotton bale openings in Canadian mills totalled 48,915 in April compared with 52,755 bales in March and 46,404 in April, 1941.

WOOD, WOOD PRODUCTS AND PAPER: At 101.8 for May the wood, wood products and paper group index showed an advance of 0.5 points over the April figure of 101.3. Accounting for the increase were higher export quotations for wood-pulp, the index for which gained 2.6 points to 119.0 between April and May. Other sub-groups were unchanged, though a revision in the price of bedroom suites was sufficient to raise the furniture sub-group index 1.2 points to a level of 104.7. An order by the furniture administrator has authorized manufacturers of wooden furniture to increase their prices to a maximum of 6 p.c. over 'ceiling' levels. Continuing reports of a labour shortage in the logging and sawmilling industries were issued during the month, notably in British Columbia.

The wood, wood products and paper group index has advanced 29.8 p.c. to 101.8 during the wartime period to date.

IRON AND STEEL: A 5½¢ per cwt. reduction in freight rates on steel sheets shipped east from Hamilton was responsible for a decline in the index number of prices of iron and its products from 115.4 in April to 115.3 in May. As demand for war materials continued to expand, production of pig iron and steel ingots and castings reached record levels. During the first four months of 1942 output of pig iron totalled 634,653 tons, about 187,000 tons greater than in the same period 1941. Steel ingots and castings production at 1,032,828 exceeded the first quarter of 1941 by more than 187,000 tons. In April 1942, 5,347 tons of pig iron were produced daily, 43 tons per day less than in March. Steel furnaces operating at 99 p.c. of capacity produced 8,833 tons of steel ingots and castings in April, 256 tons more than in the previous month.

NON-FERROUS METALS: The non-ferrous metal prices index remained at 78.4 in May, where it has held for the past four months. Since the beginning of the war the advance in this index has amounted to 12.2 p.c., being the smallest of any of the eight groups comprising the composite wholesale index. It recently has been reported that the domestic nickel output will be increased 25,000 tons over the 1940 output in the next year and one-half through a 35 million dollar expansion programme by International Nickel Company of Canada. Because of increasing shortages in non-ferrous metals new restrictions will be placed on civilian use of copper by the Metals Controller, with war needs first, essential services of public health and safety second and other commercial and industrial requirements last. Effective April 30 under Order No. M.C.10, the Metals Controller made the announcement that all dealers in non-ferrous scrap metal had to be licensed while prices at which scrap could be sold were not to exceed maximum prices obtaining for similar quantities during the 'ceiling' period. September 15 to October 11, 1941.

NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS: Due to a rise of almost 3 p.c. in imported coal prices, the Bureau's index of wholesale prices of Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products rose from 99.1 in April to 100.0 in May, the highest level since February 1927. Sub-group indexes with the exception of coal remained unchanged.

CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS: An index of Chemicals and Allied Products fell from 104.2 in April to 102.1 in May, marking the first decline in this series since June 1941. Of the eleven sub-groups included, indexes for eight remained unchanged, one rose slightly while the other two showed losses ranging from 0.8 p.c. for industrial gases to 13 p.c. for soap. Toilet soap moved down 70¢ to $4.86 per case and laundry soap fell 75¢ to $4.85 per case at Toronto, in accordance with Order No.116 of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board which established a new 'ceiling' period for soap as at June 1941. Inorganic Chemicals advanced from 89.1 to 89.2 between April and May due to a rise of 72¢ per ton in the price of calcium carbide. Most sub-group indexes remained below 1926 levels, but drugs and pharmaceuticals and dyeing and tanning materials averaged 74 p.c. and 36 p.c. above the base period, the greater part of this gain having occurred during the eighteen months immediately following the outbreak of war.

Weekly Index Numbers of 30 Industrial Material Prices
(1926=100)

Month	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
May, 1942	(May 1)93.6	93.5	93.8	94.0	94.1
April, 1942	93.4	93.4	93.4	93.5	-
March, 1942	93.3	93.5	93.4	93.3	-
February, 1942	92.6	92.5	93.3	93.3	-

Weekly Index Numbers of Canadian Farm Products
(1926=100)

Month	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
May, 1942	(May 1)79.7	79.8	80.0	80.5	81.0
April,1942.....	78.9	79.1	79.5	79.6	-
March, 1942	78.4	78.6	78.7	78.7	-
February, 1942 ...	78.5	78.3	78.5	78.6	-

SUMMARY TABLES OF CANADIAN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

(1926=100)

	General Wholesale Price Index	Consumers' Goods	Producers' Goods	Building Materials	Raw and Partly Manufactured Goods	Fully and Chiefly Manufactured Goods	Canadian Farm Products			Industrial Materials	Thirteen Sensitive Materials
							Field	Animal	Total		
1913	64.0	62.0	67.7	67.0	63.8	64.8	56.4	77.0	64.1	-	-
1920	155.9	136.1	164.3	144.0	154.1	156.5	166.5	150.8	160.6	-	-
1929	95.6	94.7	96.1	99.0	97.5	93.0	93.8	112.5	100.8	91.8	87.2
1933	67.1	71.1	63.1	78.3	56.6	70.2	45.8	59.7	51.0	54.1	43.8
1939	75.4	75.9	70.4	89.7	67.4	75.3	54.2	81.2	64.3	69.0	57.0
1940	82.9	83.4	78.7	95.6	75.3	81.5	56.0	85.8	67.1	79.0	65.9
1941	90.0	91.1	83.6	107.3	81.8	88.8	56.5	95.9	71.2	87.3	75.0
1939 August	72.3	72.7	66.7	90.2	62.8	72.6	48.2	75.4	58.4	65.3	52.9
1940											
April	83.1	82.6	80.3	94.2	76.8	81.5	64.9	84.1	72.1	79.4	67.3
May	82.2	82.3	78.7	94.3	75.2	80.5	58.2	84.3	68.0	78.6	66.5
June	81.7	82.5	77.2	94.3	74.0	80.0	52.9	83.5	64.3	77.9	65.3
July	82.6	83.7	77.7	95.3	74.9	80.7	52.8	83.9	64.4	78.7	64.8
August	82.6	83.5	77.9	96.7	73.8	81.3	50.4	83.3	62.7	78.1	63.9
September	83.0	84.0	78.3	97.6	74.4	81.6	50.7	85.8	63.8	78.2	63.1
October	83.3	84.1	78.4	98.0	74.8	81.8	51.1	87.3	64.6	78.8	64.0
November	84.0	84.8	78.8	98.2	76.1	82.4	52.5	91.0	66.9	79.8	66.0
December	84.2	85.2	79.1	98.0	76.2	83.0	52.5	91.6	67.1	79.1	64.7
1941											
January	84.8	85.5	79.8	99.1	76.6	83.4	53.6	90.0	67.2	80.1	65.7
February	85.4	85.7	80.5	100.2	77.7	83.8	54.4	91.6	68.3	81.2	66.9
March	86.0	86.2	81.3	100.6	78.9	84.3	55.6	91.8	69.1	82.3	68.6
April	86.8	87.1	81.6	100.9	79.3	85.4	55.9	92.2	69.5	83.4	70.8
May	88.8	88.8	83.5	107.7	80.8	87.2	55.5	93.3	69.6	86.5	73.6
June	90.1	90.6	84.2	108.4	81.8	88.9	57.1	94.3	71.0	88.0	75.4
July	91.3	92.1	84.6	109.8	82.5	90.4	57.1	96.1	71.7	89.3	77.6
August	92.1	93.5	84.6	111.5	83.5	91.0	56.7	97.9	72.1	90.3	79.7
September	93.4	95.4	85.6	112.1	84.7	92.5	57.6	99.6	73.3	91.5	80.5
October	94.0	96.6	85.8	112.0	85.4	93.1	57.9	101.1	74.1	91.3	80.6
November	94.0	96.7	85.4	112.0	85.4	93.1	57.4	102.0	74.1	91.0	80.4
December	93.6	95.3	85.8	112.8	85.7	92.1	59.2	100.5	74.6	91.7	80.4
1942											
January	94.3	95.3	86.8	113.1	87.2	92.0	62.8	101.5	77.3	92.4	80.4
February	94.6	94.9	87.2	113.3	87.8	91.7	64.3	102.1	78.4	93.2	80.8
March	95.1	95.4	87.4	114.2	88.4	92.1	64.6	102.7	78.8	93.3	80.9
April	95.0	95.1	87.7	114.4	88.6	91.9	65.0	103.7	79.5	93.5	80.9
May	95.2	95.1	88.3	114.4	89.4	91.6	65.5	104.8	80.2	94.2	81.5

COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Note: Wholesale price indexes appearing in this bulletin are subject to revision.

Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1941	May 1941	March 1942	April 1942	May 1942
Total Index	526	90.0	88.8	95.1	95.0	95.2
1. Vegetable Products	123	77.0	76.6	83.3	83.4	83.8
Fruits	14	88.6	80.0	92.4	96.1	98.1
Fresh	4	91.8	81.6	94.1	100.5	103.3
Dried	4	82.2	78.3	91.7	91.7	91.7
Canned	6	75.5	72.2	82.8	74.2	73.5
Grains	22	56.2	56.2	61.0	61.6	61.9
Flour and Milled Products	12	76.7	79.3	75.5	75.2	75.3
Bakery Products	2	86.3	85.8	86.8	86.8	86.8
Vegetable Oils	4	109.8	106.3	132.4	132.4	132.4
Rubber and Its Products	7	74.2	73.8	75.7	75.7	75.7
Sugar and Its Products and Glucose	8	115.9	119.2	120.6	120.6	120.6
Tea, Coffee, Cocoa and Spices	13	109.1	105.6	122.2	122.0	122.7
Vegetables	13	66.1	63.2	97.9	96.2	99.3
11. Animals and Their Products	75	92.1	85.8	100.0	99.5	99.7
Fishery Products	16	92.9	84.5	107.6	109.7	108.8
Furs	9	80.5	74.3	79.6	81.9	81.9
Hides and Skins	6	110.3	118.5	124.5	126.6	127.2
Leather, Unmanufactured	9	106.3	103.0	111.9	111.9	111.9
Boots and Shoes	2	103.5	101.9	105.3	105.3	105.3
Live Stock	4	110.0	106.7	126.0	130.2	135.3
Meats and Poultry	9	94.9	91.4	104.4	103.7	105.2
Milk and Its Products	12	93.2	85.4	98.9	97.3	96.9
Fats	5	63.3	49.8	77.8	77.2	75.1
Eggs	3	70.8	55.8	76.3	74.3	72.2
111. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	64	91.0	88.2	92.1	92.0	92.0
Cotton, Raw	2	98.4	88.2	119.0	119.0	119.0
Cotton Fabrics	19	87.8	84.0	82.5	82.5	82.5
Knit Goods	3	95.4	88.9	101.3	101.3	101.3
Flax, Hemp and Jute Products	6	86.0	87.6	90.9	90.9	90.9
Rayon and Silk Hosiery	1	70.2	67.5	73.1	73.1	73.1
Rayon Fabrics	2	69.0	69.0	67.2	67.2	67.2
Artificial Silk Products	2	49.0	48.1	49.0	49.0	49.0
Wool, Raw	3	95.0	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7
Wool hosiery and Knit Goods	5	108.2	107.5	108.8	108.8	108.8
Wool Cloth	6	104.5	103.4	105.2	105.2	105.2
1V. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	96.0	95.5	101.1	101.3	101.8
Newsprint and Wrapping Paper	2	74.0	74.0	74.0	74.0	74.0
Lumber	33	120.6	119.6	131.9	132.6	132.6
Pulp	3	108.9	108.9	116.4	116.4	119.0
Furniture	10	99.1	96.5	103.5	103.5	104.7
V. Iron and Its Products	44	111.3	112.7	115.4	115.4	115.3
Pig Iron and Steel Billets	3	101.7	101.7	104.8	104.8	104.8
Rolling Mill Products	14	115.0	117.0	121.6	121.6	121.3
Hardware	16	92.5	92.5	93.9	93.9	93.9
Wire	3	99.3	100.4	100.4	100.4	100.4
Scrap	5	112.3	114.5	111.9	111.9	111.9
V1. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	17	78.0	78.1	78.4	78.4	78.4
Brass and Copper Products	5	86.3	86.6	86.7	86.7	86.7
Lead and Its Products	2	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1
Tin Ingots	2	91.1	90.6	96.0	96.0	96.2
Zinc and Its Products	2	59.1	59.0	59.1	59.1	59.1
Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products (V and V1 above)	61	100.2	101.2	103.1	103.1	103.0

COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1941	May 1941	March 1942	April 1942	May 1942
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	81	95.6	96.0	99.3	99.1	100.0
Clay and Allied Material Products	10	92.2	94.2	94.2	94.2	94.2
Coal	13	108.3	109.0	111.6	111.0	113.8
Coke	4	121.8	121.4	122.5	122.5	122.5
Manufactured Gas	3	103.4	103.5	103.5	103.5	103.5
Glass and Its Products	6	102.8	104.4	104.4	104.4	104.4
Petroleum Products	5	78.9	79.2	85.1	85.1	85.1
Asphalt	2	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3
Salt	4	123.6	116.6	130.6	130.6	130.6
Lime	4	108.4	111.2	112.2	112.2	112.2
Cement	1	104.1	106.5	106.5	106.5	106.5
Sand and Gravel	8	87.6	87.3	89.6	89.6	89.6
Crushed Stone	3	78.5	78.0	87.6	87.6	87.6
Building Stone	3	68.4	69.4	70.8	70.8	70.8
Asbestos	8	74.1	74.1	74.1	74.1	74.1
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	73	98.7	99.7	104.1	104.2	102.1
Inorganic Chemicals	22	89.2	89.8	89.1	89.1	89.2
Organic Chemicals	5	86.0	85.3	90.4	90.4	90.4
Coal Tar Products	2	90.7	89.9	91.1	91.1	91.1
Dyeing and Tanning Materials	10	131.4	127.2	136.4	136.4	136.4
Explosives	2	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1
Paints, Prepared	1	79.7	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5
Drugs and Pharmaceutical Chemicals	8	161.3	165.6	174.0	174.2	174.2
Fertilizers	10	87.9	88.1	88.1	88.1	88.1
Industrial Gases	2	85.1	86.5	83.7	84.2	83.5

PURPOSE CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

I. CONSUMERS' GOODS (Groups A and B)	215	91.1	88.8	95.4	95.1	95.1
A. Foods, Beverages and Tobacco	118	89.5	85.7	96.7	96.2	96.5
Beverages	8	112.9	107.9	125.8	125.8	125.8
Flour and Milled Products	12	76.7	79.3	75.5	75.2	75.3
Bakery Products	2	86.3	85.8	86.8	86.8	86.8
Fish	16	92.9	84.5	107.6	109.7	108.8
Fruits	14	88.6	80.0	92.4	96.1	98.1
Meats and Poultry	9	94.9	91.4	104.4	103.7	105.2
Milk and Milk Products	12	93.2	85.4	98.9	97.3	96.9
Sugar and Its Products	8	115.9	119.2	120.6	120.6	120.6
Vegetables	13	66.1	63.2	97.9	96.2	99.3
Eggs	3	70.8	55.8	76.3	74.3	72.2
Tobacco	7	41.9	41.8	45.7	45.7	45.7
B. Other Consumers' Goods	97	92.2	90.0	94.6	94.3	94.2
Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Rubbers, Hosiery and Underwear	48	91.4	88.8	90.9	90.9	90.9
Household Equipment and Supplies	49	92.8	92.5	97.3	96.9	96.7
II. PRODUCERS' GOODS (Groups C and D)	377	83.6	83.5	87.4	87.7	88.3
C. Producers' Equipment	24	105.7	106.5	108.5	108.5	110.4
Tools	3	93.7	91.6	98.1	98.1	98.1
Light, Heat and Power Equipment and Supplies	17	106.9	107.7	109.8	109.9	111.9
Explosives	2	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1
Miscellaneous	2	100.8	100.8	100.8	100.8	100.8

PURPOSE CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1941	May 1941	March 1942	April 1942	May 1942
D. Producers' Materials	353	81.1	80.9	85.0	85.4	85.8
Building and Construction Materials	110.	107.3	107.7	114.2	114.4	114.4
*Lumber	33	120.6	119.6	131.9	132.6	132.6
Paint	12	82.3	83.5	88.4	87.7	87.7
Miscellaneous	65	100.7	102.4	103.7	103.7	103.7
Manufacturers' Materials	243	76.6	76.3	80.1	80.5	80.9
Textiles and Clothing	46	88.2	85.8	86.8	86.8	86.8
Furs and Leather Goods	24	98.0	95.2	102.5	103.6	103.7
For Metal Working Industries	40	85.1	85.6	86.5	86.5	86.4
For Chemical Using Industries	42	96.5	96.1	98.1	98.1	98.1
For Meat Packing Industries	4	110.0	106.7	126.0	130.2	135.3
For Milling and Other Industries	22	56.2	56.2	61.0	61.6	61.9
Miscellaneous Producers' Materials	65	78.8	79.3	81.8	81.5	81.6

ORIGIN CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Total Raw and Partly Manufactured	223	81.8	80.8	88.4	88.6	89.4
Total Fully and Chiefly Manufactured	302	88.8	87.2	92.1	91.9	91.6
I. Articles of Farm Origin (Domestic and Foreign)						
A. Field						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	84	63.2	62.4	71.5	72.0	72.6
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured	83	86.8	86.9	88.6	88.3	88.0
(c) Total	167	75.9	75.6	80.7	80.8	80.9
B. Animal						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	36	95.0	92.5	100.1	100.0	100.6
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured	54	89.0	82.6	95.0	94.1	93.8
(c) Total	90	91.6	86.9	97.2	96.7	96.7
C. Canadian Farm Products						
(1) Field	50	56.5	55.5	64.6	65.0	65.5
(2) Animal	18	95.9	93.3	102.7	103.7	104.8
(3) Total	68	71.2	69.6	78.8	79.5	80.2
II. Articles of Marine Origin						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	7	79.6	71.9	94.3	93.9	95.9
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured	9	96.8	86.0	113.9	119.5	116.7
(c) Total	16	92.1	82.2	108.6	112.6	111.1
*III. Articles of Forest Origin						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	37	117.1	116.4	127.2	127.7	128.5
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured	20	76.9	76.5	77.5	77.5	77.6
(c) Total	57	95.6	95.1	100.7	100.8	101.3
IV. Articles of Mineral Origin						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	59	92.6	92.8	94.0	93.8	95.2
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured	136	98.0	99.0	101.7	101.7	101.6
(c) Total	195	95.6	96.2	98.3	98.2	98.7

* Includes both domestic and export prices.

WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES
(All Prices given in Canadian Funds)

COMMODITY		Yearly Average 1941	May 1941	March 1942	April 1942	May 1942
		$	$	$	$	$
OATS, No.2 C.W. Ft.William and Pt.Arthur cash basis	Bush.	.408	.372	.500	.513	.515
WHEAT, No.1 Man.Northern Ft.William and Pt.Arthur cash basis	Bush.	.747	.759	.780	.790	.793
FLOUR, First Patent, 2-98's Cotton, Toronto		5.529	6.050	5.050	5.050	5.050
SUGAR, Granulated, Montreal	Cwt.	6.643	6.893	6.893	6.893	6.893
RUBBER, Ceylon, ribbed, smoked sheets, f.o.b. New York	Lb.	.273	.292	.275	.275	.275
LINSEED OIL, Raw, Montreal	Gal.	.834	.846	.900	.900	.900
CATTLE, Steers, good up to 1050 lbs. Toronto	Cwt.	8.694	8.610	10.000	10.360	10.910
HOGS, Bl, Dressed, Toronto	Cwt.	13.240	12.140	15.290	15.190	15.260
BEEF HIDES, Packer Hides, Native Steers, Toronto	Lb.	.149	.147	.150	.150	.150
LEATHER, Packer crops, No.1 and 11, f.o.b. Distributing points	Lb.	.474	.460	.480	.480	.480
BOX SIDES D, f.o.b. Ont.factory	Ft.	.225	.220	.240	.240	.240
BUTTER, Creamery prints,first grade Montreal	Lb.	.348	.313	.363	.364	.365
CHEESE, Canada old, large Montreal	Lb.	.271	.232	.340	.338	.340
EGGS, Grade "A" large Montreal	Doz.	.346	.259	.341	.330	.334
COTTON, raw 1" - 1 1/16" Hamilton	Lb.	.188	.171	.223	.223	.223
COTTON YARNS, 10's white single Hosiery cops, Mill	Lb.	.344	.327	.315	.315	.315
WOOL, eastern bright ¼ blood domestic, f.o.b. Ontario	Lb.	.310	.310	.310	.310	.310
WOOL, western range, semi-bright ½ blood,domestic f.o.b. Ontario	Lb.	.263	.260	.260	.260	.260
PULP,, groundwood, No.1 delivered,East Continental Divide (A)	Ton	44.000	44.000	49.500	49.500	50.600
STEEL, Merchant bars, mild Mill	100 Lbs.	2.686	2.754	2.754	2.754	2.754
PIG IRON, foundry No.1 f.o.b. plant	Gross Ton	25.500	25.500	25.500	25.500	25.500
COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic Montreal	Cwt.	11.500	11.500	11.500	11.500	11.500
LEAD, domestic, f.o.b. carlots Montreal	Cwt.	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000
TIN INGOTS, Straits, f.o.b. Toronto	Lb.	.618	.616	.620	.620	.620
ZINC, domestic, f.o.b. carlots Montreal	Cwt.	5.150	5.150	5.150	5.150	5.150
COAL, Anthracite, Toronto f.o.b. carlots	Ton	12.138	11.767	12.499	11.943	12.553
COAL, Bituminous, N.S. run of mine	Ton	5.650	5.700	5.700	5.700	5.700
GASOLENE, Standard Toronto (B)	Gal.	.193	.195	.215	.215	.215
SULPHURIC ACID 66° Baume f.o.b. works	Net Ton	17.250	17.000	18.000	18.000	18.000

(A) Groundwood Pulp delivered to consumers' Mills, east of Continental Divide (exclusive of Denver.)

(B) 1942 - Federal tax included.

PRICE INDEX NUMBER SYNOPSIS

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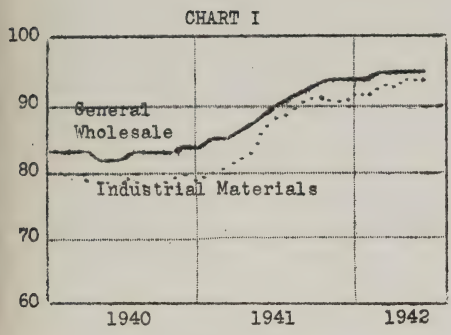

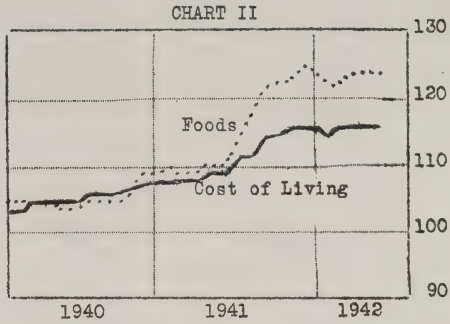

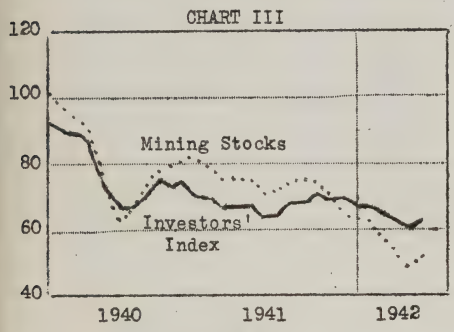

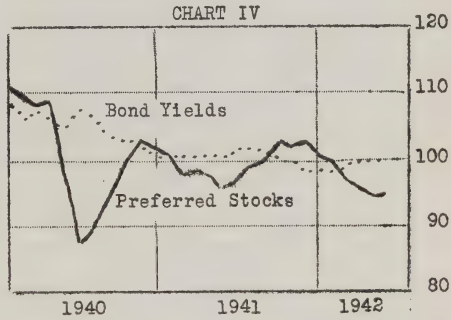

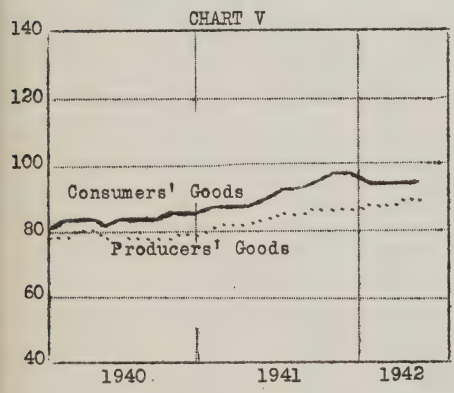

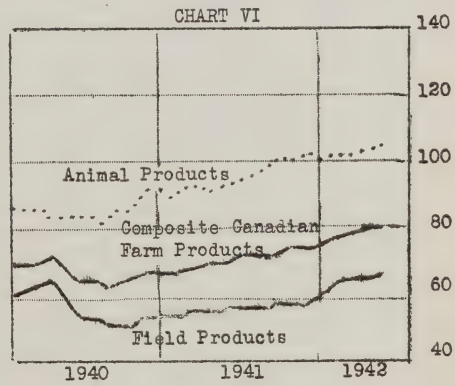

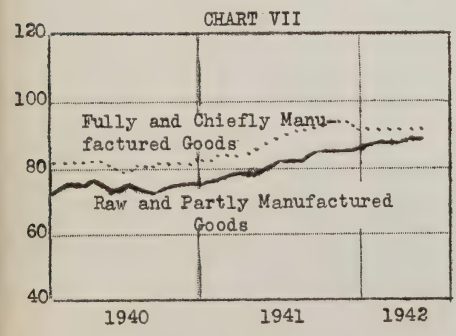

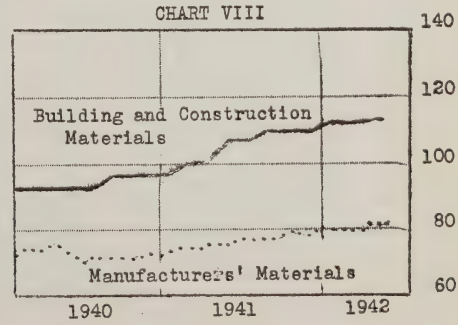

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS IN CANADA, MAY 1, 1942.

(Calculations based on prices for the first business day of each month)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of living costs on the base 1935-1939=100, rose from 115.9 on April 1st to 116.1 on May 1st. The increase was due to moderate increases in certain food prices, together with fractional gains for rentals and clothing.

An index for 46 food items was up from 123.7 to 124.3, following advances in meats, fruits and vegetables. Egg prices recorded usual seasonal declines.

Rentals changed from 111.2 to 111.3. A slight increase in men's wearing apparel caused the clothing index to rise from 119.8 to 119.9. Home furnishings declined from 118.1 to 118.0 because of small reductions in floor coverings and cleaning supplies.

An index for retail prices alone moved up from 120.6 to 120.9.

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS, 1913-MAY 1, 1942.

(1935-1939=100)

	Percentage Increase Since Aug.1,1939	Total Index	Food Index	Rent Index	Fuel and Lighting Index	Clothing Index	Home Furnishings and Miscellaneous Index	Retail Prices Index (Commodities only)
1913		79.7	88.3	74.3	76.9	88.0	70.3	-
1914		80.0	91.9	72.1	75.4	88.9	70.3	-
1917		104.5	133.3	75.8	83.8	130.3	81.5	-
1918		118.3	152.8	80.2	92.2	152.3	91.4	-
1920		150.5	188.1	100.2	119.9	213.1	110.3	-
1926		121.8	133.3	115.9	116.8	139.1	106.1	-
1929		121.7	134.7	119.7	112.6	134.8	105.0	-
1930		120.8	131.5	122.7	111.8	130.6	105.4	-
1934		95.6	92.7	93.2	102.1	97.1	97.8	-
							Home furnishings and Services Index	Miscellaneous Index
1935		96.2	94.6	94.0	100.9	97.6	95.4	98.7	95.9
1936		98.1	97.8	96.1	101.5	99.3	97.2	99.1	98.1
1937		101.2	103.2	99.7	98.9	101.4	101.5	100.1	102.0
1938		102.2	103.8	103.1	97.7	100.9	102.4	101.2	102.8
1939		101.5	100.6	103.8	101.2	100.7	101.4	101.4	101.0
1940		105.6	105.6	106.3	107.1	109.2	107.2	102.3	106.6
1941	10.8	111.7	116.1	109.4	110.3	116.1	113.8	105.1	114.9
1939 Aug.1		100.8	99.3	103.8	99.0	100.1	100.9	101.3	100.0
1940 Dec.2	7.1	108.0	109.1	107.7	108.5	113.5	110.7	102.8	110.0
1941 Jan.2	7.4	108.3	109.7	107.7	108.6	113.7	110.8	103.1	110.4
Feb.1	7.3	108.2	108.8	107.7	108.7	114.1	111.5	103.1	110.1
Mar.1	7.3	108.2	109.0	107.7	108.9	114.2	111.6	102.9	110.2
Apr.1	7.7	108.6	110.1	107.7	108.9	114.3	111.7	102.9	110.7
May 1	8.5	109.4	109.7	109.7	109.2	114.5	111.8	105.1	110.9
June 2	9.6	110.5	112.5	109.7	110.2	114.9	112.1	105.6	112.7
July 2	11.0	111.9	116.6	109.7	110.5	115.1	113.0	105.6	114.9
Aug.1	12.8	113.7	121.3	109.7	110.5	115.7	114.3	106.1	117.7
Sept.2	13.8	114.7	123.3	109.7	110.9	117.4	115.8	106.4	119.4
Octel 6	14.6	115.5	123.2	111.2	112.1	119.6	117.3	106.5	120.1
Nov.1	15.4	116.3	125.4	111.2	112.7	120.0	117.9	106.7	121.4
Dec.1	14.9	115.8	123.8	111.2	112.7	119.9	117.9	106.7	120.6
1942 Jan.2	14.5	115.4	122.3	111.2	112.9	119.9	118.0	106.8	119.9
Feb.2	14.8	115.7	123.1	111.2	112.9	119.8	118.0	107.1	120.3
Mar.2	15.0	115.9	123.7	111.2	112.9	119.8	118.0	107.1	120.6
Apr.1	15.0	115.9	123.7	111.2	112.9	119.8	118.1	107.1	120.6
May 1	15.2	116.1	124.3	111.3	112.9	119.9	118.0	107.1	120.9

Order-in-Council P.C.8253 (October 27, 1941) provides for a cost-of-living bonus of 25 cents per week for each one per cent of increase in the official index number measured from August, 1939. For convenience the percentage increase each month as compared with August, 1939, is shown in the left-hand column.

INDEX NUMBERS OF RETAIL PRICES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES OF FOOD IN CANADA, AUGUST 1, 1939, AND MAY 1, 1941-MAY 1, 1942.

(1935-1939=100)

Year and Month	Beef Sirloin	Beef Blade	Veal Roast	Lamb Roast	Pork Fresh	Bacon Breakfast	Canned Salmon	Pure Lard	Eggs Grade "A"	Milk Fresh	Butter Creamery	Cheese Canadian	Beans Dry	Potatoes
1939 - August 1st	110.7	111.4	105.5	109.3	105.8	97.4	99.1	73.4	91.5	100.0	88.7	98.2	87.9	126.4
1941 - May 1st	127.3	135.0	126.4	117.7	102.0	97.9	118.8	66.2	79.8	109.2	112.9	114.6	106.9	98.4
June 2nd	130.8	140.5	129.5	121.9	112.1	105.4	121.9	67.5	82.8	109.2	112.9	116.4	110.3	97.3
July 2nd	134.0	143.3	135.8	133.5	123.5	116.4	123.1	71.4	95.2	109.2	116.2	121.1	110.3	117.8
August 1st	136.0	146.1	138.4	135.0	131.6	126.9	123.1	90.9	116.0	109.2	129.4	126.3	110.3	131.4
September 2nd	136.7	146.1	142.8	128.5	133.2	128.7	124.4	105.2	127.5	110.1	134.3	135.2	110.3	120.5
October 1st	136.7	148.9	147.8	122.7	133.2	128.9	126.9	113.6	129.9	110.1	127.2	153.5	110.3	113.2
November 1st	135.2	149.7	147.8	120.4	133.2	129.9	132.5	117.5	154.4	111.0	121.7	171.4	113.8	113.2
December 1st	133.6	147.5	147.2	119.6	132.4	128.7	131.9	111.0	143.2	111.0	124.6	171.4	113.8	113.6
1942 - January 2nd	133.2	147.5	148.4	120.0	132.0	128.7	131.9	104.5	121.1	111.0	124.3	170.4	112.1	120.1
February 2nd	134.0	148.3	150.3	122.3	132.8	128.7	132.5	103.9	118.1	111.0	124.3	171.4	112.1	145.7
March 2nd	134.8	150.3	152.2	124.6	133.6	128.7	133.1	103.9	115.4	111.0	125.9	171.4	112.1	153.9
April 1st	135.6	152.4	152.2	125.8	134.4	128.9	133.7	104.5	110.3	111.0	126.5	171.4	112.1	155.0
May 1st	137.1	155.9	153.5	127.7	134.8	129.3	134.4	105.2	106.6	111.0	127.2	168.5	113.8	158.5

Year and Month	Tomatoes Canned	Peas Canned	Bread White	Flour Household	Rolled Oats	Rice	Prunes	Raisins	Jam Strawberry	Sugar Granulated	Sugar Yellow	Tea	Coffee	Weighted Food Index (46 Items)
1939 - August 1st	91.3	89.7	98.4	78.4	92.6	101.2	94.7	100.0	96.5	101.6	101.6	105.6	94.4	99.3
1941 - May 1st	117.9	101.7	104.8	102.8	96.3	114.6	101.8	101.2	91.7	132.8	131.7	130.6	129.8	109.7
June 2nd	118.8	102.5	104.8	102.8	96.3	117.1	103.5	101.2	93.5	134.4	133.3	133.3	130.1	112.5
July 2nd	118.8	103.4	104.8	102.8	98.1	118.3	104.4	101.2	94.6	132.8	133.3	136.1	131.2	116.6
August 1st	119.7	104.2	104.8	102.8	98.1	120.7	104.4	103.0	98.2	134.4	133.3	139.0	132.3	121.3
September 2nd	118.8	104.2	104.8	100.0	98.1	124.4	107.0	103.6	101.8	134.4	133.3	142.8	132.9	123.3
October 1st	118.8	104.2	104.8	100.0	101.9	126.8	108.8	103.6	103.6	134.4	133.3	146.2	134.0	123.2
November 1st	118.8	105.9	104.8	100.0	105.5	128.0	110.5	104.8	105.3	134.4	133.3	151.2	135.7	125.4
December 1st	118.8	105.0	104.8	100.0	103.7	128.0	109.6	104.2	105.3	134.4	133.3	153.2	133.7	123.8
1942 - January 2nd	117.9	105.0	104.8	100.0	103.7	128.0	110.5	103.6	105.3	132.8	133.3	152.7	133.4	122.3
February 2nd	117.9	105.0	104.8	100.0	105.5	128.0	110.5	104.2	105.3	132.8	133.3	153.8	133.7	123.1
March 2nd	118.8	105.0	104.8	100.0	105.5	130.5	111.4	104.2	105.9	132.8	133.3	154.3	133.4	123.7
April 1st	118.8	105.0	104.8	100.0	105.5	131.7	111.4	104.2	105.9	132.8	133.3	154.7	133.7	123.7
May 1st	118.8	105.9	104.8	100.0	105.5	132.9	111.4	104.2	105.9	134.4	133.3	155.4	133.7	124.3

INVESTORS' INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCK PRICES

The Investor's price index of 95 common stocks advanced 3.0 p.c. from 60.7 on April 30 to 62.5 on May 28. A gradual increase was noted in the first three weeks of May and although declines occurred in the final week the majority of the sub-group indexes showed gains over the closing levels of April. Industrials rose 3.9 p.c. and utilities 1.8 p.c. between April 30 and May 28. These gains compared with respective losses of 2.3 p.c. and 2.2 p.c. in the preceding month. Banks moved lower 0.3 p.c. during May. Substantial rises occurred in machinery and equipment and oils, which moved up 7.0 p.c., followed by power and traction shares up 4.0 p.c., industrial mines 3.8 p.c., beverages 3.0 p.c. and building materials 3.0 p.c. Foods recorded a 3.3 p.c. drop and transportation issues were down 1.8 p.c. The Bureau's monthly price index for industrial, utility and bank common stocks rose from 61.1 in April to 62.0 in May. Industrials mounted from 56.6 to 57.9, utilities from 66.3 to 66.4 while banks receded from 88.4 to 87.4

MINING STOCK PRICES

Despite losses in the mining stock market, in the final week of May, gains of the second and third weeks were partly retained and the Bureau's price index of twenty-five mining issues mounted from 49.8 on April 30 to 52.5 on May 28. Golds advanced from 37.7 to 40.9 for a net increase of 8.5 p.c. while the gain in base metals amounted to 2.3 p.c., the index rising from 73.8 to 75.5. The general price index of mining stocks moved 2.5 points higher during May with the golds up 2.1 to 39.6 and base metals 3.0 to 75.8. Shown below is a table of average prices for the weeks of May 28 and April 30, 1942 as compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

GOLDS

	May 28	April 30		May 28	April 30
Beattie	$ -	$ .57	Little Long Lac	$ .99	$ .95
Bralorne	7.10	7.10	Macassa	2.29	2.07
Buffalo-Ankerite	1.81	1.05	McIntyre	-	37.25
Cariboo Gold Quartz	1.15	1.10	Pickle Crow	1.75	1.42
Central Patricia	.91	.84	Pioneer	1.40	1.40
Dome	13.00	11.75	San Antonio	1.65	1.45
God's Lake	.10	.08	Siscoe	.32	.35
Hollinger	7.85	7.75	Sylvanite	1.42	1.28
Kirkland Lake	.45	.41	Teck-Hughes	1.67	1.73
Lake Shore	8.75	7.00	Uchi	.035	-
Lamaque Gold Mines	-	3.50	Wright-Hargreaves	2.35	1.93

BASE METALS

Falconbridge	2.50	2.75	Noranda	44.25	43.00
Hudson Bay	24.25	23.50			

PREFERRED STOCKS

The Bureau's preferred stock price index, which had declined steadily during the first four months of 1942 moved upward 1.0 p.c. to 95.4 between April and May. This index compared with 96.3 in May, 1941. Major gains were made by power issues up 7.5 p.c., machinery and equipment group up 4.3 p.c., foods, 1.6 p.c. and building materials 1.2 p.c. above April averages. Recessions occurred in the pulp and paper group which fell 6.2 p.c. and oils 3.1 p.c. Tobacco issues remained unchanged. Other gains and losses were mainly fractional.

INDEX NUMBERS OF 30 PREFERRED STOCK PRICES, 1935-1942
(1935-1939=100)

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1935	88.7	89.0	85.9	83.5	82.5	82.5	84.0	85.5	83.5	83.8	87.5	89.0
1936	90.3	83.1	92.0	91.7	90.0	91.9	95.9	97.2	101.1	104.7	109.9	113.3
1937	119.7	121.1	133.8	124.4	120.9	119.8	119.9	122.4	109.8	99.2	98.9	97.7
1938	100.6	99.0	93.5	94.3	96.6	98.7	105.2	104.7	98.1	106.2	105.5	104.8
1939	102.5	101.8	101.2	95.2	95.3	98.8	100.1	97.7	100.5	107.4	108.7	110.1
1940	110.7	109.7	108.8	108.9	96.7	86.9	89.0	93.9	99.1	100.7	103.0	101.7
1941	101.4	97.6	98.7	97.9	96.3	96.8	98.5	100.0	103.2	102.2	102.6	100.7
1942	99.6	96.8	95.6	94.5	95.4							

INVESTORS' MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCKS

(1935-39=100)

Number of Securities 1942	GENERAL	INDUSTRIALS									UTILITIES				BANKS
	Total	Total	Machinery and Equipment	Pulp and Paper	Milling	Oils	Textiles and Clothing	Food and Allied Products	Beverages	Building Materials	Industrial Mines	Total	Transportation	Telephone Telegraph	Power and Traction	Total
	95	68	8	7	3	4	10	12	7	15	2	19	2	2	15	8
1939 - October	96.6	97.3	119.2	116.5	125.3	93.3	120.6	111.3	96.8	115.7	98.6	90.7	83.5	105.1	89.6	99.0
November	94.4	94.5	112.8	113.0	118.9	87.3	122.9	108.5	101.6	112.5	97.4	88.7	68.2	106.6	89.7	102.9
December	92.2	90.9	113.6	118.0	120.0	82.0	125.5	112.1	104.2	111.6	93.0	90.7	70.8	107.7	92.3	103.1
1940 - January	90.9	89.1	107.4	122.0	116.5	78.2	128.0	113.9	107.9	108.3	92.2	90.7	69.9	107.4	92.3	103.3
February	90.2	88.6	103.8	116.5	116.0	79.4	134.4	114.8	106.8	105.5	90.2	89.9	71.2	107.1	90.8	103.0
March	90.3	87.5	107.2	114.0	113.7	78.0	135.4	115.6	107.9	105.3	88.3	93.4	84.0	107.7	92.0	104.0
April	88.4	85.1	105.9	122.4	113.0	74.1	135.7	115.0	109.9	105.2	84.9	93.4	82.7	106.1	93.2	102.4
May	73.3	69.2	82.0	81.1	91.5	62.6	119.3	102.7	94.0	83.2	65.0	78.2	57.1	99.3	78.3	97.4
June	65.5	61.2	74.5	65.2	74.1	50.3	104.2	89.7	85.2	74.3	62.7	71.0	47.3	95.6	70.8	91.3
July	66.1	62.6	73.5	69.2	79.1	50.8	110.4	90.8	91.0	73.5	65.8	70.4	49.0	91.4	70.9	85.5
August	69.3	65.8	78.7	76.2	80.6	52.4	114.0	93.5	95.9	77.5	71.2	73.6	55.0	95.3	73.2	88.1
September	75.8	73.1	85.5	82.1	95.5	60.7	121.4	101.6	99.5	87.0	77.4	78.0	60.1	99.5	77.2	92.9
October	74.2	71.3	84.0	80.1	93.5	56.2	120.8	101.4	99.5	88.9	77.7	77.0	55.4	100.2	76.9	91.9
November	74.5	71.3	86.0	82.6	81.4	54.5	121.5	100.7	105.8	91.2	77.8	78.2	62.2	101.4	76.2	92.7
December	70.3	65.9	78.6	76.7	75.2	48.7	116.8	99.6	106.5	87.6	71.4	76.4	55.8	101.3	75.6	94.6
1941 - January	71.3	66.9	77.6	74.1	72.3	51.6	110.6	96.8	104.3	84.0	73.2	77.3	60.9	101.2	75.4	94.7
February	66.5	62.3	72.9	63.8	69.5	48.7	105.0	90.1	96.6	77.3	67.3	71.3	51.6	100.2	68.8	90.9
March	66.8	63.1	73.6	65.4	69.5	49.5	103.1	87.9	93.7	78.5	69.0	70.7	55.7	99.2	67.0	89.9
April	65.8	62.3	73.2	63.9	68.6	49.4	101.3	88.6	88.1	77.8	67.8	68.2	57.3	97.8	62.2	89.7
May	63.9	60.7	71.8	59.7	63.4	51.3	97.4	88.6	82.8	74.4	62.6	65.2	54.8	91.6	60.3	88.3
June	64.0	60.3	72.0	59.5	67.5	48.0	101.1	90.1	87.3	74.9	64.2	67.1	58.9	92.0	62.0	89.0
July	67.5	64.0	76.3	66.1	67.5	48.4	105.7	90.5	94.3	77.8	72.3	70.6	65.8	93.0	65.3	89.7
August	67.8	64.4	76.8	70.2	72.4	49.1	106.3	91.8	95.7	79.7	71.5	71.2	70.0	94.6	64.4	89.7
September	71.0	67.5	80.5	78.5	75.1	51.3	108.4	93.3	102.4	82.4	75.8	74.7	70.3	98.6	68.8	91.2
October	69.1	65.5	78.3	75.5	74.5	51.2	105.7	91.9	98.7	78.9	71.7	72.5	65.7	96.8	67.2	90.8
November	68.8	65.3	78.2	76.4	74.9	52.9	110.0	91.0	102.6	77.8	68.9	71.1	65.2	95.3	65.5	91.7
December	67.2	63.9	75.5	72.9	72.2	49.0	110.4	91.4	104.8	75.5	69.7	68.7	60.4	95.9	63.0	90.5
1942 - January	66.8	62.9	74.3	71.9	74.5	45.9	112.8	88.7	99.2	75.1	71.9	70.4	64.5	95.5	64.4	91.1
February	64.7	60.8	73.4	69.3	69.7	43.6	108.7	85.5	96.3	73.9	70.1	67.7	60.5	93.5	62.1	91.1
March	62.3	57.8	69.7	66.1	70.9	41.2	104.3	75.8	92.8	74.0	67.3	67.5	59.4	93.5	62.0	89.4
April	61.1	56.6	70.6	63.2	69.6	41.4	102.4	74.2	93.1	73.9	64.2	66.3	60.6	91.9	60.2	88.4
May	62.0	57.9	74.7	61.1	70.5	43.2	104.3	73.5	94.2	75.7	65.2	66.4	59.6	92.0	60.7	87.4

INDEX NUMBERS OF TWENTY-FIVE MINING STOCKS
(1935-39=100)

No. of Stocks 1942	Gold 22	Base Metals 3	Total Index 25
x1929 - High	76.2	127.3	89.2
Low	44.8	63.0	60.6
x1932 - High	53.6	32.9	45.2
Low	41.2	17.0	32.6
x1933 - High	95.0	57.7	81.4
Low	55.1	27.3	45.4
x1934 - High	119.0	67.1	99.9
Low	87.6	50.0	74.8
x1935 - High	111.4	84.7	95.3
Low	88.9	51.5	80.1
x1936 - High	115.7	128.9	118.8
Low	100.5	82.3	94.4
x1937 - High	120.0	142.7	125.6
Low	84.7	73.3	80.8
x1938 - High	106.6	129.1	112.2
Low	89.3	82.8	87.3
x1939 - High	105.7	130.1	113.5
Low	82.5	109.6	91.9
x1940 - High	92.1	122.4	102.2
Low	55.8	69.5	60.5
x1941 - High	75.2	96.1	80.6
Low	50.7	80.6	61.0
1940			
January	91.1	119.6	100.9
February	86.5	115.3	96.2
March	82.0	112.8	92.5
April	81.3	110.8	91.2
May	67.6	88.5	74.5
June	57.7	74.7	63.4
July	59.1	75.1	64.8
August	64.6	83.7	71.0
September	70.8	91.0	77.5
October	72.9	91.3	79.2
November	76.3	94.5	82.4
December	74.9	90.0	80.2
1941			
January	74.4	89.2	79.4
February	70.6	83.2	74.9
March	70.0	84.7	75.1
April	69.0	87.6	75.1
May	66.1	81.2	71.2
June	64.4	83.9	71.0
July	66.2	91.3	74.6
August	66.0	91.7	74.6
September	66.0	94.0	75.4
October	60.8	87.4	69.7
November	54.9	85.0	65.0
December	52.2	84.8	63.2
1942			
January	50.5	84.3	61.9
February	45.4	81.5	57.5
March	40.1	75.3	51.9
April	37.5	72.8	49.3
May	39.6	75.8	51.7
Weekly Index Numbers			
Week ending May 7th	37.3	73.8	49.5
" " " 14th	38.7	75.5	51.0
" " " 21st	41.6	78.3	53.9
" " " 28th	40.9	75.5	52.5
" " June 4th	43.4	76.1	54.3

X Weekly figures.

INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELDS

Dominion of Canada long-term bond yields were slightly lower in May and the Bureau's index, on the base 1935-1939=100, eased from 99.6 for April to 99.5. The weekly index stood at 99.6 for the first two weeks, but then dropped to 99.3 where it remained for the balance of the month. So far this year the weekly index has swung between 99.3 and 99.9, whereas in the first five months of last year the range was from 100.3 to 101.6. In the provincial section changes were small and mixed, with decreases the more numerous. An index of representative Province of Ontario bond yields, computed from information furnished by Wood, Gundy and Company, Limited, declined from 91.2 for April to 89.5 for May. The average yield of the issues included in the index fell from 3.21 to 3.15.

British Consols moved narrowly, closing 1/16 higher at 82 13/16, while the Dow-Jones average of selected United States bonds decreased from 90.48 to 89.19.

MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELDS, 1936 - 1942.
(1935-1939=100)

	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942
January	106.5	95.2	102.2	97.3	109.3	100.6	99.4
February	103.6	100.1	100.8	97.2	107.2	100.8	99.3
March	102.4	106.4	100.3	95.4	107.9	100.5	99.6
April	101.8	107.2	97.4	96.3	105.5	100.6	99.6
May	100.9	106.4	96.2	97.8	104.5	101.1	99.5
June	98.0	105.6	98.0	95.7	107.8	101.9	-
July	95.5	104.4	98.7	96.0	107.0	101.5	-
August	92.6	102.9	98.8	98.6	104.3	101.2	-
September	91.8	103.2	101.9	117.0	103.1	100.3	-
October	96.0	106.2	99.3	111.9	102.6	100.2	-
November	94.7	105.7	97.4	108.4	101.9	99.1	-
December	93.3	102.9	97.2	110.5	101.0	99.3	-

WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BONDS, 1942.

	Yields		Yields		Yields
- March 4	99.3	April 1	99.9	May 6	99.6
" 11	99.6	" 8	99.6	" 13	99.6
" 18	99.6	" 15	99.3	" 20	99.3
" 25	99.9	" 22	99.6	" 27	99.3
		" 29	99.6		

EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS AT MONTREAL AUGUST 1939 AND 1940 - 1942.

Note: The noon rates in Canadian Funds upon which these averages are based have been supplied by the Bank of Canada.

	New York Funds	London Sterling	(A) Argentine Peso (Paper)	(A) Brazil Milreis	India Rupee
	$	$	$	$	$
1939 - August	1.0047	4.6327	.2321	.0504	.3346
1940	1.1050	* 4.450	.2539	.0557	.3359
1941	1.1050	4.450	.2621	.0563	.3356
1942 - January	1.1050	4.450	.2619	.0569	.3359
February	1.1050	4.450	.2618	.0570	.3359
March	1.1050	4.450	.2627	.0571	.3359
April	1.1050	4.450	.2628	.0571	.3359
May	1.1050	4.450	.2618	.0571	.3359

* Since September 16, 1939, quotations used are the average of the daily buying and selling rate of the Foreign Exchange Control Board. The current buying and selling rate for sterling is $4.43 and $4.47 and U.S. funds $1.10 and $1.11.

(A) Unofficial.

MONTHLY INDEXES OF AMERICAN STOCK PRICES, 1938 - 1941.
(Issued by Standard and Poor's Trade Securities)
(1935-1939=100)

	Composite	Industrials	Railroads	Utilities
1938 - May	78.0	78.9	57.8	81.1
June	79.7	80.9	56.9	82.3
July	93.6	95.9	73.8	89.6
August	94.0	97.0	73.0	87.2
September	89.6	92.7	65.5	83.2
October	98.5	101.2	77.8	92.7
November	99.4	102.1	79.1	94.0
December	97.1	100.0	76.4	90.7
Year	88.2	90.1	69.5	85.6
1939 - January	97.0	98.7	79.0	94.9
February	95.1	96.0	74.3	97.9
March	96.0	96.6	77.7	99.6
April	85.0	85.1	63.9	92.5
May	98.4	88.3	67.0	96.8
June	89.9	89.9	67.5	98.1
July	91.8	91.8	69.2	100.1
August	90.7	90.4	66.8	101.1
September	99.7	101.3	82.4	98.4
October	100.7	101.8	87.2	100.4
November	98.9	99.6	82.8	101.8
December	97.0	97.6	78.4	101.3
Year	95.1	94.8	74.7	98.8
1940 - January	97.1	97.7	77.7	103.0
February	96.8	97.1	76.5	102.4
March	96.7	97.3	76.7	101.6
April	98.1	98.7	77.3	102.6
May	85.1	85.2	65.4	92.3
June	78.1	77.3	60.8	88.5
July	85.8	79.3	65.2	93.9
August	81.6	80.3	66.0	93.5
September	85.5	84.6	71.6	94.7
October	86.0	85.4	72.6	93.7
November	86.7	86.6	73.6	92.3
December	84.9	84.9	70.0	90.6
Year	88.5	87.9	71.1	95.8
1941 - January	85.0	84.7	73.4	91.1
February	80.1	79.4	70.0	87.1
March	80.3	79.6	70.6	87.1
April	77.9	77.3	71.2	83.1
May	77.1	77.3	70.7	78.9
June	79.5	79.7	70.9	81.6
July	83.2	84.2	73.8	81.8
August	83.2	84.3	74.4	81.0
September	83.6	84.8	72.6	81.3
October	80.4	81.6	70.3	78.5
November	77.4	78.6	68.4	74.5
December	71.8	73.8	61.0	66.2
1942 - January	72.6	74.3	69.0	66.1
February	69.9	71.0	68.4	64.5
March	66.0	67.2	65.0	60.5
April	63.3	64.8	61.1	56.5
May (1st week)	62.5	63.8	61.1	56.4

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PRICE MOVEMENTS, JUNE, 1942

WHOLESALE: Further price increases for wheat, steers and hogs in June were sufficient to advance the composite weekly index for 30 industrial materials on the base 1926=100 from 94.1 for the week of May 29 to 94.6 for the week of June 26. The index of five foods showed an increase of 2.2 points to 90.9 while other sections were unchanged at 114.0 for the stable series of 12 commodities and 80.9 for the manufacturing group of 13 items. Canadian farm product prices continued to advance, the composite weekly index registering an increase of 2.1 points to 83.1 between May 29 and June 26. In the field products section a sharp seasonal increase for potatoes coupled with a small gain for grains more than offset losses for onions and hay to advance the index from 65.7 to 68.0. Animal products moved up from 106.8 to 108.4, reflecting higher quotations for livestock, eggs and poultry. These increases more than counterbalanced a sharp decline for hides and skins due to a seasonal drop in sheepskins, now on a shearling basis.

COST OF LIVING: (Wartime increase 15.8 per cent - from 100.8 to 116.7). The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index advanced from 116.1 on May 1 to 116.7 on June 1, 1942. This index has risen 15.8 per cent between August 1939 and June 1942. An increase in the food index from 124.3 to 126.2 was responsible for this change. Beef prices increased appreciably and other meats were higher by smaller amounts. Eggs and potatoes also advanced while cheese and lard declined. Lower coal prices reduced the fuel index from 112.9 to 112.6, while home furnishings and services dropped fractionally from 118.0 to 117.9. Rentals remained at 111.3, clothing at 119.9 and miscellaneous items at 107.1.

SECURITIES: Following further strength in the first three weeks of June, stock market quotations turned downward again in the final week, though closing prices on average were still somewhat above mid-April low points for the year to date. Month-end weakness was related to the budget announcement of a sharp increase in the excess profits tax. A more confused international picture reflecting an increasingly grave situation in the middle east was also a factor in the decline. The Investors' weekly composite index of 95 common stocks showed a loss of 0.7 points to 61.8 between May 28 and June 25 which compared with a peak of 64.7 in the third week of June. The composite series for 25 mining stocks dropped 1.2 points to 51.3 at the end of June which compared with a mid-month peak of 54.4. Both golds and base metals shared in the decline, the former showing a loss of 0.4 points to 40.5 and the latter 2.7 to 72.8. Continuing easiness was noted for Dominion of Canada long-term bond yields, a weekly index for this series based upon a 15-year theoretical issue declining 0.7 points to 98.6 between May 27 and June 24.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX MOVEMENTS BETWEEN MAY AND JUNE, 1942.

VEGETABLE PRODUCTS: An increase in the group index for vegetable products from 83.8 in May to 84.4 in June reflected higher prices for potatoes and fresh fruits, as well as slight advances for grains and onions. These increases more than offset losses in the miscellaneous vegetable products section where quotations on hay and turpentine were easier. The vegetable group index has advanced 2.4 points in the past six months. Among sub-group indexes fresh fruits advanced from 103.3 to 111.0 between May and June reflecting sharply higher prices for oranges which more than offset a decline in lemons. In the grains section higher prices for Manitoba northern wheat, certain grades of oats, barley and corn counterbalanced declines for rye, and the sub-group index rose 0.6 points to 62.5 in June. Onions with an increase of 1.4 to 204.6 reflected a 10¢ advance to $4.10 per cwt. at Vancouver, while quotations at Toronto held unchanged at $5.00 per cwt. Substantial seasonal increases in four of seven centres from which potatoe prices are received advanced the sub-group index for this series 6.0 points to 97.4. Registering the only decrease the miscellaneous vegetable section declined 5.2 points to 103.8 between May and June due to seasonal recessions for hay quotations, coupled with a reduction in turpentine from $1.47 to $1.23 per gallon in 1-2 drum lots, f.o.b. Montreal. Other sub-groups were unchanged during the month. Maximum canners selling prices for canned tomatoes, tomato juice, peas, corn, green and wax beans, peaches, pears, plums and apricots were announced for the 1942 pack in the latter part of June by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board. While wholesalers and retailers must absorb part of the increased canning costs, subsidies will be paid canners for the items affected under the new regulations in order to maintain consumer price ceilings. For other items of canned fruits and vegetables canners maximum 1942 selling prices will be those obtaining in the 'ceiling' period.

ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS: Sharp advances in the price of cattle and lambs and in beef and lamb carcasses, together with moderate gains for eggs and fish, raised the animal products wholesale price index 2.6 points to 102.3 in June. Livestock markets held firm to higher throughout the month and an index of prices rose from 135.3 in May to 149.5 in June. Cattle runs were fairly heavy during the first week and exports negligible as the full duty on export shipments became effective. As the month progressed, domestic demand continued active and offerings declined while quality improved. Fresh meats followed the lead of livestock, beef advancing almost 15 p.c. and lamb about 38 p.c. over May quotations while the index for processed meats rose narrowly from 94.8 to 95.3. By Order 134 of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board maximum zone prices were established for beef carcass as from June 1 at levels from 1½¢ to 3¾¢ above the original ceiling. On June 27, this was replaced by Order 149 which authorized a 1¢ per pound reduction in the price of beef carcass periodically between July 13 to September 13, and a further ½¢ reduction in the period September 14 to November 30. The fish price index moved up from 108.8 to 111.6 due to a $3.00 per cwt. rise in the price of halibut at Prince Rupert. Eggs averaged 4 p.c. above May. Fresh supplies continued to decline while the percentage of lower grades increased. Consumption demand was active due probably to the high price of meat and the movement into storage was heavy. Cold storage stocks were reported by the Agricultural Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at 15,544,000 dozen in July 1 compared with 15,502,000 on June 1. Butter eased slightly and first grade creamery prints at six representative Canadian cities averaged 35.3 per pound, 3/5¢ per pound below May. Fresh supplies were reported more plentiful and June disappearance totalled 24,691,000 pounds compared with 24,388,000 in the previous month. Cold storage stocks were calculated by the Agricultural Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at 26,598,000 pounds on July 1 against 10,033,000 on June 1. Due to a sharp seasonal drop in sheep skins the index number of hides and skins fell back to 95.9, the lowest level since October 1940.

FIBRES, TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS: Continuing at 92.0 in June, the group index for fibres, textiles and textile products has shown no change for three successive months; this is 1.0 point below the January 1942 index. Activity in Canadian cotton mills continued at a high level during June with about 70 p.c. being employed on direct and indirect war orders and essential civilian goods. Currently production of goods for direct and indirect war orders is running around 215 million yards annually, and within the next month the Department of Munitions and Supply will allocate orders for approximately 30 million yards of materials. Due to new legislation in the United States and agitation in Brazil for higher prices, it was anticipated import prices of raw cotton would be higher in the latter half of 1942. In the wool section it was reported that 15 p.c. increases in the export price of Australian wool will come into effect on July 1. After August 1, weavers and spinners must obtain specific permits before putting into process for civilian production any fabric or hand knitting yarn containing wool. Also sharply curtailed for civilian consumption will be rayon yarns. For the third quarter of 1942 the amount of viscose yarn available to weavers and knitters will be at least 20 p.c. below the amount obtainable in the same period of 1941.

WOOD, WOOD PRODUCTS AND PAPER: There was no change in the wood, wood products and paper price index in June; it remained at 101.8. Under a priorities order recently issued by the Timber Controller, Canadian war requirements now come first on the list for lumber supplies; British Timber Control and British Dominion requirements second, while Allied Nations' war requirements are third. It has been announced in an order issued by the Assistant Timber Controller of hardwood and logs that export permits for certain grades and thickness of birch and maple will not be approved unless such lumber is for direct war work. Reports from logging companies during the month indicated that labour shortages have been partially overcome in some sections whereas in others the situation is still acute. Logging operations on the British Columbia coast showed improvement between April and May, the current May figure being only 10 p.c. below May 1941 production compared with an April figure of 16 p.c. below the corresponding amount for last year.

IRON AND ITS PRODUCTS: The Bureau's index number of wholesale prices of iron and its products held unchanged at 115.3 in June. Of the seven sub-groups comprising this series, hardware at 93.9 alone remained below the 1926 base year level. As reported by the Lake Superior Iron Ore Association, iron ore shipments on the Great Lakes reached an all-time monthly high of 12,677,356 gross tons in May, bringing the year's total to June 1 up to 21,327,064 gross tons, 3,291,072 gross tons more than during the same period in 1941.

NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS: Due to lower prices for domestic coal and crushed stone, an index of non-metallic minerals and their products declined narrowly from 100.0 in May to 99.9 in June. Only two of the sub-groups changed. The coal index eased from 113.8 to 113.7 as quotations for Lethbridge coal recorded a

seasonal decline in June. The crushed stone index dropped from 87.6 to 80.3 when second quarter prices of crushed stone, f.o.b. cars Toronto, were reduced from $1.80 to $1.60 per ton. Other sub-groups held at levels which have obtained since the first of the year.

NON-FERROUS METALS: Holding at 78.4 for June, the index for non-ferrous metals has shown no change for the past five months. Sub-group indexes also have shown little change during 1942, with the exception of tin which moved up from 93.3 to 96.2 between January and June. The fall of Malaya and the Dutch East Indies, Canada's chief pre-war sources of tin, has considerably affected domestic supplies of this metal. Manufacturers of tinplate, largest peacetime users of tin, have had to curtail production, thereby affecting the civilian supply of containers for canned fruits, etc. Stricter supervision of copper sales, because of increasing war needs was announced during June. As of June 1 the quota system was abolished and new regulations require that henceforth nearly all purchases for wrought copper and copper alloys must be approved by the Metals Controller.

CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS: An upward revision in the price of quinine sulphate brought an index of prices of chemicals and allied products from 102.1 in May to 102.2 in June despite minor reductions in a few other items. Quinine sulphate prices, f.o.b. Montreal, rose nearly 9¢ per pound, and as a result the drugs and pharmaceutical index moved up 1.8 points to 176.0. A drop of $2.27 per ton in the price of carbide caused the index of inorganic chemicals to recede .4 points to 88.8. Paint materials moved down .5 to 96.3 owing to lower prices for lithopone. Industrial gases changed from 83.5 to 82.8 following a drop of 1¢-2¢ per 100 cu.ft. in the price of oxygen and acetylene respectively. Other sub-groups were unchanged.

Weekly Index Numbers of 30 Industrial Material Prices
(1926=100)

Month	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
June, 1942	94.8	94.9	94.9	95.0	-
May, 1942	(May 11) 93.6	93.5	93.8	94.0	94.1
April, 1942	93.4	93.4	93.4	93.5	-
March, 1942	93.3	93.5	93.4	93.3	-

Weekly Index Numbers of Canadian Farm Products
(1926=100)

Month	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
June, 1942	81.3	81.7	81.9	83.1	-
May, 1942	(May 1) 79.7	79.8	80.0	80.5	81.0
April, 1942	78.9	79.1	79.5	79.6	-
March, 1942	78.4	78.6	78.7	78.7	-

SUMMARY TABLES OF CANADIAN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

(1926=100)

	General Wholesale Price Index	Consumers' Goods	Producers' Goods	Building Materials	Raw and Partly Manufactured Goods	Fully and Chiefly Manufactured Goods	Canadian Farm Products			Industrial Materials	Thirteen Sensitive Materials
							Field	Animal	Total		
1913	64.0	62.0	67.7	67.0	63.8	64.8	56.4	77.0	64.1	-	-
1920	155.9	136.1	164.3	144.0	154.1	156.5	166.5	150.8	160.6	-	-
1929	95.6	94.7	96.1	99.0	97.5	93.0	93.8	112.5	100.8	91.8	87.2
1933	67.1	71.1	63.1	78.3	56.6	70.2	45.8	59.7	51.0	54.1	43.8
1939	75.4	75.9	70.4	89.7	67.4	75.3	54.2	81.2	64.3	69.0	57.0
1940	82.9	83.4	78.7	95.6	75.3	81.5	56.0	85.8	67.1	79.0	65.9
1941	90.0	91.1	83.6	107.3	81.8	88.8	56.5	95.9	71.2	87.3	75.0
1939 August	72.3	72.7	66.7	90.2	62.8	72.6	48.2	75.4	58.4	65.3	52.9
1940											
May	82.2	82.3	78.7	94.3	75.2	80.5	58.2	84.3	68.0	78.6	66.5
June	81.7	82.5	77.2	94.3	74.0	80.0	52.9	83.5	64.3	77.9	65.3
July	82.6	83.7	77.7	95.3	74.9	80.7	52.8	83.9	64.4	78.7	64.8
August	82.6	83.5	77.9	96.7	73.8	81.3	50.4	83.3	62.7	78.1	63.9
September	83.0	84.0	78.3	97.6	74.4	81.6	50.7	85.8	63.8	78.2	63.1
October	83.3	84.1	78.4	98.0	74.8	81.8	51.1	87.3	64.6	78.8	64.0
November	84.0	84.8	78.8	98.2	76.1	82.4	52.5	91.0	66.9	79.8	66.0
December	84.2	85.2	79.1	98.0	76.2	83.0	52.5	91.6	67.1	79.1	64.7
1941											
January	84.8	85.5	79.8	99.1	76.6	83.4	53.6	90.0	67.2	80.1	65.7
February	85.4	85.7	80.5	100.2	77.7	83.8	54.4	91.6	68.3	81.2	66.9
March	86.0	86.2	81.3	100.6	78.9	84.3	55.6	91.8	69.1	82.3	68.6
April	86.8	87.1	81.6	100.9	79.3	85.4	55.9	92.2	69.5	83.4	70.8
May	88.8	88.8	83.5	107.7	80.8	87.2	55.5	93.3	69.6	86.5	73.6
June	90.1	90.6	84.2	108.4	81.8	88.9	57.1	94.3	71.0	88.0	75.4
July	91.3	92.1	84.6	109.8	82.5	90.4	57.1	96.1	71.7	89.3	77.6
August	92.1	93.5	84.6	111.5	83.5	91.0	56.7	97.9	72.1	90.3	79.7
September	93.4	95.4	85.6	112.1	84.7	92.5	57.6	99.6	73.3	91.5	80.5
October	94.0	96.6	85.8	112.0	85.4	93.1	57.9	101.1	74.1	91.3	80.6
November	94.0	96.7	85.4	112.0	85.4	93.1	57.4	102.0	74.1	91.0	80.4
December	93.6	95.3	85.8	112.8	85.7	92.1	59.2	100.5	74.6	91.7	80.4
1942											
January	94.3	95.3	86.8	113.1	87.2	92.0	62.8	101.5	77.3	92.4	80.4
February	94.6	94.9	87.2	113.3	87.8	91.7	64.3	102.1	78.4	93.2	80.8
March	95.1	95.4	87.4	114.2	88.4	92.1	64.6	102.7	78.8	93.3	80.9
April	95.0	95.1	87.7	114.4	88.6	91.9	65.0	103.7	79.5	93.5	80.9
May	95.2	95.1	88.3	114.4	89.4	91.6	65.5	104.8	80.2	94.2	81.5
June	95.8	96.0	88.7	114.2	90.5	91.6	66.3	107.0	81.5	94.8	81.6

COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Note: Wholesale price indexes appearing in this bulletin are subject to revision.

	Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1941	June 1941	April 1942	May 1942	June 1942
	Total Index	526	90.0	90.1	95.0	95.2	95.8
I.	Vegetable Products	123	77.0	77.7	83.4	83.8	84.4
	Fruits	14	88.6	79.7	96.1	98.1	103.9
	Fresh	4	91.8	81.1	100.5	103.3	111.0
	Dried	4	82.2	78.3	91.7	91.7	91.7
	Canned	6	75.5	72.5	74.2	73.5	73.5
	Grains	22	56.2	57.2	61.6	61.9	62.5
	Flour and Milled Products	12	76.7	80.5	75.2	75.3	75.3
	Bakery Products	2	86.3	86.2	86.8	86.8	86.8
	Vegetable Oils	4	109.8	111.7	132.4	132.4	132.4
	Rubber and Its Products	7	74.2	73.1	75.7	75.7	75.7
	Sugar and Its Products and Glucose	8	115.9	119.4	120.6	120.6	120.6
	Tea, Coffee, Cocoa and Spices	13	109.1	105.5	122.0	122.7	122.7
	Vegetables	13	66.1	70.0	96.2	99.3	103.6
II.	Animals and Their Products	75	92.1	89.7	99.5	99.7	102.3
	Fishery Products	16	92.9	90.4	109.7	108.8	111.6
	Furs	9	80.5	74.3	81.9	81.9	81.9
	Hides and Skins	6	110.3	105.7	126.6	127.2	95.9
	Leather, Unmanufactured	9	106.3	110.1	111.9	111.9	111.9
	Boots and Shoes	2	103.5	102.1	105.3	105.3	105.3
	Live Stock	4	110.0	110.7	130.2	135.3	149.5
	Meats and Poultry	9	94.9	97.6	103.7	105.2	112.9
	Milk and Its Products	12	93.2	88.1	97.3	96.9	95.7
	Fats	5	63.3	54.7	77.2	75.1	78.0
	Eggs	3	70.8	61.4	74.3	72.2	75.2
III.	Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	64	91.0	90.8	92.0	92.0	92.0
	Cotton, Raw	2	98.4	98.4	119.0	119.0	119.0
	Cotton Fabrics	19	87.8	87.1	82.5	82.5	82.5
	Knit Goods	3	95.4	93.2	101.3	101.3	101.3
	Flax, Hemp and Jute Products	6	86.0	93.5	90.9	90.9	90.9
	Rayon and Silk Hosiery	1	70.2	67.5	73.1	73.1	73.1
	Rayon Fabrics	2	69.0	69.0	67.2	67.2	67.2
	Artificial Silk Products	2	49.0	48.1	49.0	49.0	49.0
	Wool, Raw	3	95.0	95.7	94.7	94.7	94.7
	Wool hosiery and Knit Goods	5	108.2	108.4	108.8	108.8	108.8
	Wool Cloth	6	104.5	103.4	105.2	105.2	105.2
IV.	Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	96.0	96.1	101.3	101.8	101.8
	Newsprint and Wrapping Paper	2	74.0	74.0	74.0	74.0	74.0
	Lumber	33	120.6	121.1	132.6	132.6	132.6
	Pulp	3	108.9	108.9	116.4	119.0	119.0
	Furniture	10	99.1	98.3	103.5	104.7	104.7
V.	Iron and Its Products	44	111.3	112.7	115.4	115.3	115.3
	Pig Iron and Steel Billets	3	101.7	101.7	104.8	104.8	104.8
	Rolling Mill Products	14	115.0	117.0	121.6	121.3	121.3
	Hardware	16	92.5	92.5	93.9	93.9	93.9
	Wire	3	99.3	100.4	100.4	100.4	100.4
	Scrap	5	112.3	114.5	111.9	111.9	111.9
VI.	Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	17	78.0	78.1	78.4	78.4	78.4
	Brass and Copper Products	5	86.1	86.6	86.7	86.7	86.7
	Lead and Its Products	2	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1
	Tin Ingots	2	91.1	92.4	96.0	96.2	96.2
	Zinc and Its Products	2	59.1	59.0	59.1	59.1	59.1
	Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products (V and VI above)	61	100.2	101.2	103.1	103.0	103.0

COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1941	June 1941	April 1942	May 1942	June 1942
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	81	95.6	96.0	99.1	100.0	99.9
Clay and Allied Material Products	10	92.2	94.2	94.2	94.2	94.2
Coal	13	108.3	109.2	111.0	113.8	113.7
Coke	4	121.8	121.4	122.5	122.5	122.5
Manufactured Gas	3	103.4	103.5	103.5	103.5	103.5
Glass and Its Products	6	102.8	104.4	104.4	104.4	104.4
Petroleum Products	5	78.9	79.2	85.1	85.1	85.1
Asphalt	2	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3
Salt	4	123.6	116.6	130.6	130.6	130.6
Lime	4	108.4	111.2	112.2	112.2	112.2
Cement	1	104.1	106.5	106.5	106.5	106.5
Sand and Gravel	8	87.6	87.3	89.6	89.6	89.6
Crushed Stone	3	78.5	78.0	87.6	87.6	80.3
Building Stone	3	68.4	69.4	70.8	70.8	70.8
Asbestos	8	74.1	74.1	74.1	74.1	74.1
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	73	98.9	99.7	104.2	102.1	102.2
Inorganic Chemicals	22	89.2	87.7	89.1	89.2	88.8
Organic Chemicals	5	86.0	87.4	90.4	90.4	90.4
Coal Tar Products	2	90.7	91.1	91.1	91.1	91.1
Dyeing and Tanning Materials	10	131.4	127.2	136.4	136.4	136.4
Explosives	2	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1
Paints, Prepared	1	79.7	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5
Drugs and Pharmaceutical Chemicals	8	162.6	167.8	174.2	174.2	176.0
Fertilizers	10	87.9	88.1	88.1	88.1	88.1
Industrial Gases	2	85.1	85.8	84.2	83.5	82.8

PURPOSE CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

I. CONSUMERS' GOODS (Groups A and B)	215	91.1	90.6	95.1	95.1	96.0
A. Foods, Beverages and Tobacco	118	89.5	88.9	96.2	96.5	98.7
Beverages	8	112.9	108.3	125.8	125.8	125.8
Flour and Milled Products	12	76.7	80.5	75.2	75.3	75.3
Bakery Products	2	86.3	86.2	86.8	86.8	86.8
Fish	16	92.9	90.4	109.7	108.8	111.6
Fruits	14	88.6	79.7	96.1	98.1	103.9
Meats and Poultry	9	94.9	97.6	103.7	105.2	112.9
Milk and Milk Products	12	93.2	88.1	97.3	96.9	95.7
Sugar and Its Products	8	115.9	119.4	120.6	120.6	120.6
Vegetables	13	66.1	70.0	96.2	99.3	103.6
Eggs	3	70.8	61.4	74.3	72.2	75.2
Tobacco	7	41.9	41.8	45.7	45.7	45.7
B. Other Consumers' Goods	97	92.2	91.7	94.3	94.2	94.2
Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Rubbers, Hosiery and Underwear	48	91.4	90.2	90.9	90.9	90.9
Household Equipment and Supplies	49	92.8	92.9	96.9	96.7	96.7
II. PRODUCERS' GOODS (Groups C and D)	377	83.6	84.2	87.7	88.3	88.7
C. Producers' Equipment	24	105.7	106.5	108.5	110.4	110.4
Tools	3	93.7	91.6	98.1	98.1	98.1
Light, Heat and Power Equipment and Supplies	17	106.9	107.7	109.9	111.9	111.9
Explosives	2	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1
Miscellaneous	2	100.8	100.8	100.8	100.8	100.8

WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES
(All Prices given in Canadian Funds)

Commodity		Yearly Average 1941	June 1941	April 1942	May 1942	June 1942
		$	$	$	$	$
OATS, No.2 C.W. Ft.William and Pt.Arthur cash basis	Bush.	.408	.392	.513	.515	.515
WHEAT, No.1 Man. Northern Ft.William and Pt.Arthur cash basis	Bush.	.747	.770	.790	.793	.800
FLOUR, First Patent, 2-98's Cotton, Toronto		5.529	6.050	5.050	5.050	5.050
SUGAR, Granulated, Montreal	Cwt.	6.643	6.893	6.893	6.893	6.893
RUBBER, Ceylon, ribbed, smoked sheets, f.o.b. New York	Lb.	.273	.269	.275	.275	.275
LINSEED OIL, Raw, Montreal	Gal.	.834	.848	.900	.900	.900
CATTLE, Steers, good up to 1050 lbs. Toronto	Cwt.	8.694	8.780	10.360	10.910	12.440
HOGS, Bl, Dressed, Toronto	Cwt.	13.240	13.460	15.190	15.260	15.490
BEEF HIDES, Packer Hides, Native Steers, Toronto	Lb.	.149	.152	.150	.150	.150
LEATHER, Packer crops, No.1 and 11, f.o.b. Distributing points	Lb.	.474	.510	.480	.480	.480
BOX SIDES D, f.o.b. Ont. factory	Ft.	.225	.240	.240	.240	.240
BUTTER, Creamery prints, first grade Montreal	Lb.	.348	.329	.364	.365	.358
CHEESE, Canada old, large Montreal	lb.	.271	.240	.338	.340	.340
EGGS, Grade "A" large Montreal	Doz.	.346	.295	.330	.334	.352
COTTON, raw 1" - 1 1/16" Hamilton	Lb.	.188	.189	.223	.223	.223
COTTON YARNS, 10's white single Hosiery cops, Mill	Lb.	.344	.345	.315	.315	.315
WOOL, eastern bright ¼ blood domestic, f.o.b. Ontario	Lb.	.310	.310	.310	.310	.310
WOOL, western range, semi-bright ½ blood, domestic f.o.b. Ontario	Lb.	.263	.270	.260	.260	.260
(A) Pulp, groundwood, No.1 delivered, East Continental Divide	Ton	44.000	44.000	49.500	50.600	50.600
STEEL, Merchant bars, mild Mill	100 Lbs.	2.686	2.754	2.754	2.754	2.754
PIG IRON, foundry No.1, f.o.b. plant Plant	Gross Ton	25.500	25.500	25.500	25.500	25.500
COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic Montreal	Cwt.	11.500	11.500	11.500	11.500	11.500
LEAD, domestic, f.o.b. carlots Montreal	Cwt.	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000
TIN INGOTS, Straits, f.o.b. Toronto	Lb.	.618	.629	.620	.620	.620
ZINC, domestic, f.o.b. carlots Montreal	Cwt.	5.150	5.150	5.150	5.150	5.150
COAL, Anthracite, Toronto f.o.b. carlots	Ton	12.138	11.889	11.943	12.553	12.553
COAL, Bituminous, N.S. run of mine	Ton	5.650	5.700	5.700	5.700	5.700
(B) GASOLENE, Standard Toronto	Gal.	.193	.195	.215	.215	.215
SULPHURIC ACID 66°Baume f.o.b. works	Net Ton	17.250	17.000	18.000	18.000	18.000

(A) Groundwood Pulp delivered to consumers' Mills, east of Continental Divide (exclusive of Denver).

(B) 1942 - Federal tax included.

PRICE INDEX NUMBER SYNOPSIS

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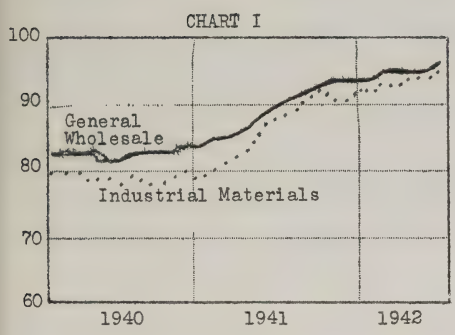

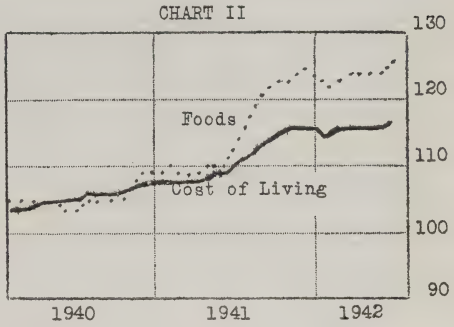

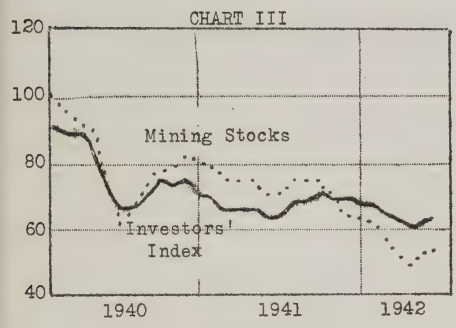

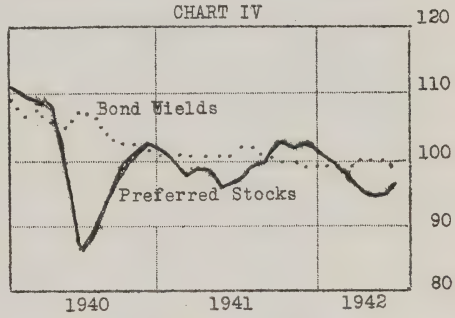

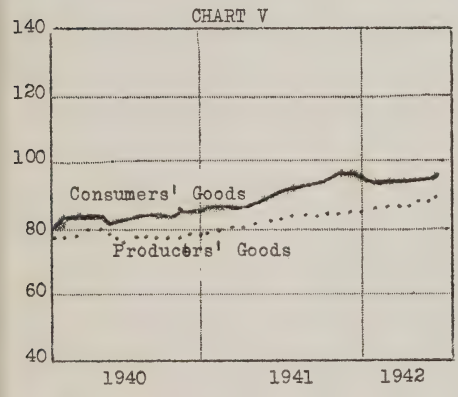

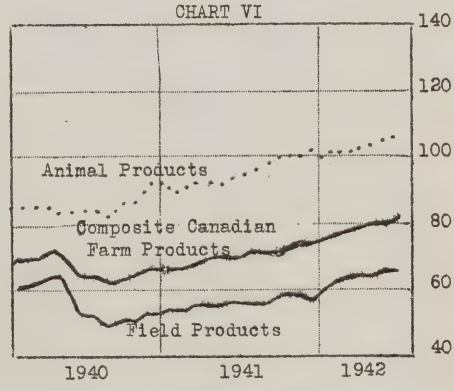

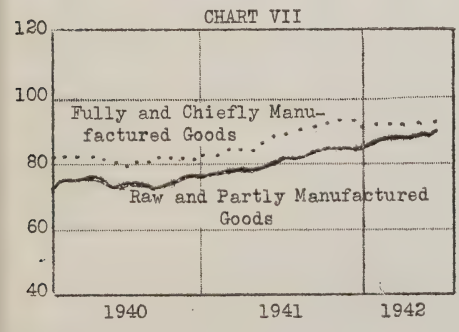

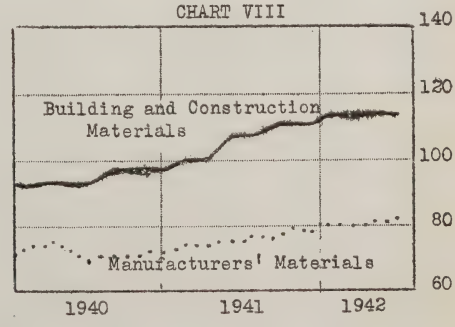

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS IN CANADA, JUNE 1, 1942.

(Calculations based on prices for the first business day of each month)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of living costs on the base 1935-1939=100, rose from 116.1 on May 1st to 116.7 on June 1st. An increase in the index for foods, offset by slight reductions in fuels and home furnishings, accounted for the advance. The living cost index in June was 15.8 per cent above the August 1939 level.

An index for 46 food items advanced from 124.3 to 126.2 between May and June. Higher prices were noted for meats, particularly beef and lamb. Eggs, potatoes and bananas also moved upward, while lard and cheese recorded declines.

The fuel and lighting index declined from 112.9 to 112.6, due to local reductions in coal prices.

Moderate decreases in textiles and household cleaning supplies carried the home furnishings and services index down from 118.0 to 117.9.

Rentals at 111.3, clothing at 119.9 and miscellaneous items at 107.1 were the same for both May and June.

An index for retail prices alone was up from 120.9 to 121.8, reflecting higher food prices already noted.

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS, 1913 TO JUNE 1, 1942.

(1935-1939=100)

	Total Index	Food Index	Rent Index	Fuel and Lighting Index	Clothing Index	Home Furnishings and Miscellaneous Index	Retail Prices Index (Commodities only)
1913	79.7	88.3	74.3	76.9	88.0	70.3	-
1914	80.0	91.9	72.1	75.4	88.9	70.3	-
1917	104.5	133.3	75.8	83.8	130.3	81.5	-
1918	118.3	152.8	80.2	92.2	152.3	91.4	-
1920	150.5	188.1	100.2	119.9	213.1	110.3	-
1926	121.8	133.3	115.9	116.8	139.1	106.1	-
1929	121.7	134.7	119.7	112.6	134.8	105.0	-
1930	120.8	131.5	122.7	111.8	130.6	105.4	-
1934	95.6	92.7	93.2	102.1	97.1	97.8	-

	Percentage Increase Since Aug.1,1939						Home furnishings and Services Index	Miscellaneous Index	
1935		96.2	94.6	94.0	100.9	97.6	95.4	98.7	95.9
1936		98.1	96.8	96.1	101.5	99.3	97.2	99.1	98.1
1937		101.2	103.2	99.7	98.9	101.4	101.5	100.1	102.0
1938		102.2	103.8	103.1	97.7	100.9	102.4	101.2	102.8
1939		101.5	100.6	103.8	101.2	100.7	101.4	101.4	101.0
1940		105.6	105.6	106.3	107.1	109.2	107.2	102.3	106.6
1941	10.8	111.7	116.1	109.4	110.3	116.1	113.8	105.1	114.9
1939 Aug. 1.		100.8	99.3	103.8	99.0	100.1	100.9	101.3	100.0
1941 Jan. 2.	7.4	108.3	109.7	107.7	108.6	113.7	110.8	103.1	110.4
Feb. 1.	7.3	108.2	108.8	107.7	108.7	114.1	111.5	103.1	110.1
Mar. 1.	7.3	108.2	109.0	107.7	108.9	114.2	111.6	102.9	110.2
Apr. 1.	7.7	108.6	110.1	107.7	108.9	114.3	111.7	102.9	110.7
May 1.	8.5	109.4	109.7	109.7	109.2	114.5	111.8	105.1	110.9
June 2.	9.6	110.5	112.5	109.7	110.2	114.9	112.1	105.6	112.7
July 2.	11.0	111.9	116.6	109.7	110.5	115.1	113.0	105.6	114.9
Aug. 1.	12.8	113.7	121.3	109.7	110.5	115.7	114.3	106.1	117.7
Sept. 2.	13.8	114.7	123.3	109.7	110.9	117.4	115.8	106.4	119.4
Oct. 1.	14.6	115.5	123.2	111.2	112.1	119.6	117.3	106.5	120.1
Nov. 1.	15.4	116.3	125.4	111.2	112.7	120.0	117.9	106.7	121.4
Dec. 1.	14.9	115.8	123.8	111.2	112.7	119.9	117.9	106.7	120.6
1942 Jan. 2.	14.5	115.4	122.3	111.2	112.9	119.9	118.0	106.8	119.9
Feb. 2.	14.8	115.7	123.1	111.2	112.9	119.8	118.0	107.1	120.3
Mar. 2.	15.0	115.9	123.7	111.2	112.9	119.8	118.0	107.1	120.6
Apr. 1.	15.0	115.9	123.7	111.2	112.9	119.8	118.1	107.1	120.6
May 1.	15.2	116.1	124.3	111.3	112.9	119.9	118.0	107.1	120.9
June 1.	15.8	116.7	126.2	111.3	112.6	119.9	117.9	107.1	121.8

Order-in-Council P.C. 8253 (October 23, 1941) provides for a cost-of-living bonus of 25 cents per week for each one per cent of increase in the official index number measured from August, 1939. For convenience the percentage increase each month as compared with August, 1939, is shown in the left-hand column.

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS IN EIGHT REGIONAL CITIES

(August 1939=100)

	Halifax	Saint John	Montreal	Toronto	Winnipeg	Saskatoon	Edmonton	Vancouver
General Cost of Living								
1941								
October	112.7	113.2	116.3	114.0	112.2	115.7	111.4	112.3
December	113.1	114.5	116.8	114.5	113.1	116.4	111.4	112.4
1942								
February	113.5	115.2	117.1	114.5	112.4	115.7	110.9	112.1
April	113.5	115.1	117.4	114.7	112.6	116.1	111.1	112.2
June	114.0	115.4	118.2	115.5	113.1	116.2	112.0	113.1
Foods								
1941								
October	124.7	119.4	125.9	122.3	121.6	126.1	121.8	124.0
December	126.4	122.5	126.5	123.5	124.1	127.1	121.1	124.1
1942								
February	127.3	124.1	127.1	123.2	121.7	124.9	119.4	122.8
April	127.3	123.9	128.0	123.9	122.4	126.2	119.7	123.3
June	129.0	124.9	130.7	126.7	124.1	126.5	123.0	126.0
Rent								
1941								
October	104.2	107.3	108.3	108.5	104.4	113.1	100.0	99.4
December	104.2	107.3	108.3	108.5	104.4	113.1	100.0	99.4
1942								
February	104.2	107.3	108.3	108.5	104.4	113.1	100.0	99.4
April	104.2	107.3	108.3	108.5	104.4	113.1	100.0	99.4
June	104.2	107.3	108.3	108.5	104.4	113.1	100.0	99.4
Fuel and Lighting								
1941								
October	105.9	106.5	114.8	116.1	107.1	107.0	99.4	111.5
December	105.9	109.5	116.3	117.7	107.1	107.0	99.4	111.5
1942								
February	105.9	109.5	116.3	117.7	107.1	107.0	99.4	111.5
April	105.9	109.5	116.3	117.7	107.1	107.0	99.4	111.5
June	105.9	109.5	114.8	117.7	107.1	107.0	99.4	111.5
Clothing								
1941								
October	116.4	121.0	122.5	117.3	116.6	118.3	122.1	118.3
December	116.1	120.8	123.1	117.3	117.1	119.9	122.9	118.8
1942								
February	116.1	120.7	123.1	117.2	116.8	119.2	122.7	118.9
April	116.1	120.8	123.3	117.3	116.8	119.2	122.9	118.6
June	116.1	120.8	123.2	117.3	116.8	119.2	123.0	118.6
Home Furnishings and Services								
1941								
October	114.7	115.4	117.0	114.1	114.9	118.0	116.2	112.3
December	114.5	115.9	117.5	114.1	115.3	120.2	117.0	113.1
1942								
February	114.7	116.1	117.5	114.1	115.7	120.1	117.1	113.1
April	114.7	116.1	117.6	114.2	115.6	120.1	117.2	112.8
June	114.7	116.0	117.6	114.0	115.6	119.9	117.0	113.1
Miscellaneous								
1941								
October	105.3	106.9	104.5	106.8	105.3	104.6	104.6	104.9
December	105.3	107.0	104.6	106.9	105.3	104.7	104.7	104.9
1942								
February	105.7	107.6	105.1	107.3	105.6	105.0	104.9	105.2
April	105.7	107.6	105.1	107.3	105.6	105.0	104.9	105.2
June	105.7	107.6	105.1	107.3	105.6	105.0	104.9	105.2

CITY COST OF LIVING INDEX NUMBERS, JUNE 1, 1942.

June 1st cost-of-living indexes for eight regional cities were all higher than April 1st levels by amounts ranging from 0.1 to 0.9 points. Food indexes advanced in each of the eight cities with June figures showing wartime increases from 23.0 to 30.7 per cent. Other changes were of comparatively minor importance. Anthracite coal prices were reduced in Montreal, and declines in cleaning supplies resulted in scattered reductions in indexes of home furnishings and services.

INVESTORS' INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCK PRICES

The price index of 95 common stocks declined 2.1 p.c. to 61.2 between May 28 and July 2. Industrials fell 2.7 p.c., utilities 1.6 p.c. while banks mounted 0.2 p.c. Weakness in the fourth week of June cancelled advances for common stocks on domestic security markets in the three preceding weeks and left all indexes with the exception of power and traction and bank listings, below closing levels of May. Transportation and telephone and telegraph issues in the utilities dominated the downward movement with respective losses of 7.7 p.c. to 54.3 and 5.4 p.c. to 87.0. The price drop among the industrials was led by the Industrial mines, down 4.3 p.c. to 62.9, followed by pulp and paper which receded 3.0 p.c. to 59.1, and beverages 2.4 p.c. to 92.4. Other losses varied from 0.4 p.c. to 1.8 p.c. Despite lower net recessions the Bureau's monthly price index for common stocks rose from 62.0 in May to 62.8 in June. Industrials moved up 0.5 points to 58.4, utilities 1.7 to 68.1 and banks 0.3 to 87.7.

MINING STOCK PRICES

A representative index of twenty-five mining stocks showed a loss of 1.5 p.c. during June closing at 51.7 on July 2. Price movements for gold and base metal were narrow in the second and third weeks, but both groups participated in the subsequent general decline. Golds gained 0.7 p.c. during June to 41.2 on July 2 while base metals recorded ane index loss of 3.8 p.c. to 72.6. A monthly price index for mining issues rose from 51.7 in May to 53.2 in June. This figure compared with 71.0 for the corresponding month in 1941, and showed a loss of 25.1 p.c. from last year's level. Gold losses were nearly three times as much as those for base metals. Listed below is a table of average prices for the weeks of July 2 and May 28, 1942, as compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

GOLDS

	July 2 $	May 28 $		July 2 $	May 28 $
Beattie	.65	-	Little Long Lac	.90	.99
Bralorne	6.75	7.10	Macassa	2.12	2.29
Buffalo-Ankerite	1.65	1.81	McIntyre	40.50	-
Cariboo Gold Quartz	1.08	1.15	Pickle Crow	1.65	1.75
Central Patricia	.95	.91	Pioneer	1.32	1.40
Dome	14.25	13.00	San Antonio	1.65	1.65
God's Lake	-	.10	Siscoe	.37	.32
Hollinger	8.00	7.85	Sylvanite	1.65	1.42
Kirkland Lake	.45	.45	Teck-Hughes	1.53	1.67
Lake Shore	8.25	8.75	Uchi	.042	.035
Lamaque Gold Mines	3.50	-	Wright-Hargreaves	2.25	2.35
		BASE METALS			
Falconbridge	2.60	2.50	Noranda	42.00	44.25
Hudson Bay	23.50	24.25			

PREFERRED STOCKS

The Bureau's preferred stock price index made a further gain of 1.2 p.c. to 96.5 between May and June. This compared with 96.8 in June, 1941. The greatest gains in June were made by power issues, up 5.0 p.c. and milling up 4.9 p.c. Tobacco issues increased 3.6 p.c. and foods 2.1 p.c. above May levels. Opposing this movement were machinery and equipment issues down 4.0 p.c. in June as compared with a gain of 4.3 p.c. in May, and oils down 3.0 p.c. All other groups including building materials lost fractionally.

INDEX NUMBERS OF 30 PREFERRED STOCK PRICES, 1935-1942
(1935-1939=100)

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1935	88.7	89.0	85.9	83.5	82.5	82.5	84.0	85.5	83.5	83.8	87.5	89.0
1936	90.3	83.1	92.0	91.7	90.0	91.9	95.9	97.2	101.1	104.7	109.9	113.3
1937	119.7	121.1	133.8	124.4	120.9	119.8	119.9	122.3	109.8	99.2	98.9	97.7
1938	100.6	99.0	93.5	94.3	96.6	98.7	105.2	104.7	98.1	106.2	105.5	104.8
1939	102.5	101.8	101.2	95.2	95.3	98.8	100.1	97.7	100.5	107.4	108.7	110.1
1940	110.7	109.7	108.8	108.9	96.7	86.9	89.0	93.9	99.1	100.7	103.0	101.7
1941	101.4	97.6	98.7	97.9	96.3	96.8	98.5	100.0	103.2	102.2	102.6	100.7
1942	99.6	96.8	95.6	94.5	95.4	96.5						

INVESTORS' MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCKS

(1935-39=100)

Number of Securities 1942	GENERAL	INDUSTRIALS										UTILITIES				BANKS
	Total	Total	Machinery and Equipment	Pulp and Paper	Milling	Oils	Textiles and Clothing	Food and Allied Products	Beverages	Building Materials	Industrial Mines	Total	Transportation	Telephone Telegraph	Power and Traction	Total
	95	68	8	7	3	4	10	12	7	15	2	19	2	2	15	8
1939 - October	96.6	97.3	119.2	116.5	125.3	93.3	120.6	111.3	96.8	115.7	98.6	90.7	83.5	105.1	89.6	99.0
November	94.4	94.5	112.8	113.0	118.9	87.3	122.9	108.5	101.6	112.5	97.4	88.7	68.2	106.6	89.7	102.9
December	92.2	90.9	113.6	118.0	120.0	82.0	125.5	112.1	104.2	111.6	93.0	90.7	70.8	107.7	92.3	103.1
1940 - January	90.9	89.1	107.4	122.0	116.5	78.2	128.0	113.9	107.9	108.3	92.2	90.7	69.9	107.4	92.3	103.3
February	90.2	88.6	103.8	116.5	116.0	79.4	134.4	114.8	106.8	105.5	90.2	89.9	71.2	107.1	90.8	103.0
March	90.3	87.5	107.2	114.0	113.7	78.0	135.4	115.6	107.9	105.3	88.3	93.4	84.0	107.7	92.0	104.0
April	88.4	85.1	105.9	122.4	113.0	74.1	135.7	115.0	109.9	105.2	84.9	93.4	82.7	106.1	93.2	102.4
May	73.3	69.2	82.0	81.1	91.5	62.6	119.3	102.7	94.0	83.2	65.0	78.2	57.1	99.3	78.3	97.4
June	65.5	61.2	74.5	65.2	74.1	50.3	104.2	89.7	85.2	74.3	62.7	71.0	47.3	95.6	70.8	91.3
July	66.1	62.6	73.5	69.2	79.1	50.8	110.4	90.8	91.0	73.5	65.8	70.4	49.0	91.4	70.9	85.5
August	69.3	65.8	78.7	76.2	80.6	52.4	114.0	93.5	95.9	77.5	71.2	73.6	55.0	95.3	73.2	88.1
September	75.8	73.1	85.5	82.1	95.5	60.7	121.4	101.6	99.5	87.0	77.4	78.0	60.1	99.5	77.2	92.9
October	74.2	71.3	84.0	80.1	93.5	56.2	120.8	101.4	99.5	88.9	77.7	77.0	55.4	100.2	76.9	91.9
November	74.5	71.3	86.0	82.6	81.4	54.5	121.5	100.7	105.8	91.2	77.8	78.2	62.2	101.4	76.2	92.7
December	70.3	65.9	78.6	76.7	75.2	48.7	116.8	99.6	106.5	87.6	71.4	76.4	55.8	101.3	75.6	94.6
1941 - January	71.3	66.9	77.6	74.1	72.3	51.6	110.6	96.8	104.3	84.0	73.2	77.3	60.9	101.2	75.4	94.7
February	66.5	62.3	72.9	63.8	69.5	48.7	105.0	90.1	96.6	77.3	67.3	71.3	51.6	100.2	68.8	90.9
March	66.8	63.1	73.6	65.4	69.5	49.5	103.1	87.9	93.7	78.5	69.0	70.7	55.7	99.2	67.0	89.9
April	65.8	62.3	73.2	63.9	68.6	49.4	101.3	88.6	88.1	77.8	67.8	68.2	57.3	97.8	62.2	89.7
May	63.9	60.7	71.8	59.7	63.4	51.3	97.4	88.6	82.8	74.4	62.6	65.2	54.8	91.6	60.3	88.3
June	64.0	60.3	72.0	59.5	67.5	48.0	101.1	90.1	87.3	74.9	64.2	67.1	58.9	92.0	62.0	89.0
July	67.5	64.0	76.3	66.1	67.5	48.4	105.7	90.5	94.3	77.8	72.3	70.6	65.8	93.0	65.3	89.7
August	67.8	64.4	76.8	70.2	72.4	49.1	106.3	91.8	95.7	79.7	71.5	71.2	70.0	94.6	64.4	89.7
September	71.0	67.5	80.5	78.5	75.1	51.3	108.4	93.3	102.4	82.4	75.8	74.7	70.3	98.6	68.8	91.2
October	69.1	65.5	78.3	75.5	74.5	51.2	105.7	91.9	98.7	78.9	71.7	72.5	65.7	96.8	67.2	90.8
November	68.8	65.3	78.2	76.4	74.9	52.9	110.0	91.0	102.6	77.8	68.9	71.1	65.2	95.3	65.5	91.7
December	67.2	63.9	75.5	72.9	72.2	49.0	110.4	91.4	104.8	75.5	69.7	68.7	60.4	95.9	63.0	90.5
1942 - January	66.8	62.9	74.3	71.9	74.5	45.9	112.8	88.7	99.2	75.1	71.9	70.4	64.5	95.5	64.4	91.1
February	64.7	60.8	73.4	69.3	69.7	43.6	108.7	85.5	96.3	73.9	70.1	67.7	60.5	93.5	62.1	91.1
March	62.3	57.8	69.7	66.1	70.9	41.2	104.3	75.8	92.8	74.0	67.3	67.5	59.4	93.5	62.0	89.4
April	61.1	56.6	70.6	63.2	69.6	41.4	102.4	74.2	93.1	73.9	64.2	66.3	60.6	91.9	60.2	88.4
May	62.0	57.9	74.7	61.1	70.5	43.2	104.3	73.5	94.2	75.7	65.2	66.4	59.6	92.0	60.7	87.4
June	62.8	58.4	76.2	61.1	69.6	44.5	106.6	73.9	93.6	76.8	64.9	68.1	56.6	92.3	64.3	87.7

INDEX NUMBERS OF TWENTY-FIVE MINING STOCKS
(1935-39=100)

No. of Stocks 1942	Golds 22	Base Metals 3	Total Index 25
x1929 - High	76.2	127.3	89.2
Low	44.8	63.0	60.6
x1932 - High	53.6	32.9	45.2
Low	41.2	17.0	32.6
x1933 - High	95.0	57.7	81.4
Low	55.1	27.3	45.4
x1934 - High	119.0	67.1	99.9
Low	87.6	50.0	74.8
x1935 - High	111.4	84.7	95.3
Low	88.9	51.5	80.1
x1936 - High	115.7	128.9	118.8
Low	100.5	82.3	94.4
x1937 - High	120.0	142.7	125.6
Low	84.7	73.3	80.8
x1938 - High	106.6	129.1	112.2
Low	89.3	82.8	87.3
x1939 - High	105.7	130.1	113.5
Low	82.5	109.6	91.9
x1940 - High	92.1	122.4	102.2
Low	55.8	69.5	60.5
x1941 - High	75.2	96.1	80.6
Low	50.7	80.6	61.0
1940			
January	91.1	119.6	100.9
February	86.5	115.3	96.2
March	82.0	112.8	92.5
April	81.3	110.8	91.2
May	67.6	88.5	74.5
June	57.7	74.7	63.4
July	59.1	75.1	64.8
August	64.6	83.7	71.0
September	70.8	91.0	77.5
October	72.9	91.3	79.2
November	76.3	94.5	82.4
December	74.9	90.0	80.2
1941			
January	74.4	89.2	79.4
February	70.6	83.2	74.9
March	70.0	84.7	75.1
April	69.0	87.6	75.1
May	66.1	81.2	71.2
June	64.4	83.9	71.0
July	66.2	91.3	74.6
August	66.0	91.7	74.6
September	66.0	94.0	75.4
October	60.8	87.4	69.7
November	54.9	85.0	65.0
December	52.2	84.8	63.2
1942			
January	50.5	84.3	61.9
February	45.4	81.5	57.5
March	40.1	75.3	51.9
April	37.5	72.8	49.3
May	39.6	75.8	51.7
June	42.6	74.3	53.2
Weekly Index Numbers			
Week ending June 4th	43.4	76.1	54.3
" " " 11th	44.0	75.3	54.4
" " " 18th	44.1	74.9	54.4
" " " 25th	40.5	72.8	51.3
" " July 2nd	41.2	72.6	51.7

x Weekly figures.

INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELDS

A further decline in Dominion of Canada long-term bond yields lowered the Bureau's index, on the base 1935-1939=100, from 99.5 for May to 98.8 for June. Weakness was apparent as the month opened, and the weekly index, at 99.0, showed a loss of 0.3 in the week ending June 3. A further reduction of 0.4 occurred in the week of June 17, but the market stiffened in the closing week and the index rose to 99.0, cutting the net loss for the month to 0.3. In the provincial section, price changes were mixed and relatively small. An index of Province of Ontario bond yields, based upon information furnished by Wood, Gundy and Company, Limited, fell from 89.5 for May to 88.9 for June, and the average yield of the issues included in the index decreased from 3.15 to 3.13.

British Consols weakened slightly, closing 9/16 lower at 82¾, while the Dow-Jones average of high-grade United States bonds dropped from 89.19 to 88.82.

MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELDS, 1936-1942.
(1935-1939=100)

	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942
January	106.5	95.2	102.2	97.3	109.3	100.6	99.4
February	103.6	100.1	100.8	97.2	107.2	100.8	99.3
March	102.4	106.4	100.3	95.4	107.9	100.5	99.6
April	101.8	107.2	97.4	96.3	105.5	100.6	99.6
May	100.9	106.4	96.2	97.8	104.5	101.1	99.5
June	98.0	105.6	98.0	95.7	107.8	101.9	98.8
July	95.5	104.4	98.7	96.0	107.0	101.5	-
August	92.6	102.9	98.8	98.6	104.3	101.2	-
September	91.8	103.2	101.9	117.0	103.1	100.3	-
October	96.0	106.2	99.3	111.9	102.6	100.2	-
November	94.7	105.7	97.4	108.4	101.9	99.1	-
December	93.3	102.9	97.2	110.5	101.0	99.3	-

WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BONDS, 1942.

	Yields		Yields		Yields
April 1	99.9	May 6	99.6	June 3	99.0
" 8	99.6	" 13	99.6	" 10	99.0
" 15	99.3	" 20	99.3	" 17	98.6
" 22	99.6	" 27	99.3	" 24	98.6
" 29	99.6			" 30	99.0

EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS AT MONTREAL, AUGUST 1939 AND 1940-1942.

Note: The noon rates in Canadian Funds upon which these averages are based have been supplied by the Bank of Canada.

	New York Funds	London Sterling	(A) Argentine Peso (Paper)	(A) Brazil Milreis	India Rupee
	$	$	$	$	$
1939 - August	1.0047	4.6327	.2321	.0504	.3346
1940	1.1050	*4.450	.2539	.0557	.3359
1941	1.1050	4.450	.2621	.0563	.3356
1942 - January	1.1050	4.450	.2619	.0569	.3359
February	1.1050	4.450	.2618	.0570	.3359
March	1.1050	4.450	.2627	.0571	.3359
April	1.1050	4.450	.2628	.0571	.3359
May	1.1050	4.450	.2618	.0571	.3359
June	1.1050	4.450	.2611	.0571	.3359

*Since September 16, 1939, quotations used are the average of the daily buying and selling rate of the Foreign Exchange Control Board. The current buying and selling rate for sterling is $4.43 and $4.47 and U.S. funds $1.10 and $1.11.

(A) Unofficial.

MONTHLY INDEXES OF AMERICAN STOCK PRICES, 1938-1941
(Issued by Standard and Poor's Trade Securities)
(1935-1939=100)

	Composite	Industrials	Railroads	Utilities
1938 - June	79.7	80.9	56.9	82.3
July	93.6	95.9	73.8	89.6
August	94.0	97.0	73.0	87.2
September	89.6	92.7	65.5	83.2
October	98.5	101.2	77.8	92.7
November	99.4	102.1	79.1	94.0
December	97.1	100.0	76.4	90.7
Year	88.2	90.1	69.5	85.6
1939 - January	97.0	98.7	79.0	94.9
February	95.1	96.0	74.3	97.9
March	96.0	96.6	77.7	99.6
April	85.0	85.1	63.9	92.5
May	98.4	88.3	67.0	96.8
June	89.9	89.9	67.5	98.1
July	91.8	91.8	69.2	100.1
August	90.7	90.4	66.8	101.1
September	99.7	101.3	82.4	98.4
October	100.7	101.8	87.2	100.4
November	98.9	99.6	82.8	101.8
December	97.0	97.6	78.4	101.3
Year	95.1	94.8	74.7	98.8
1940 - January	97.1	97.7	77.7	103.0
February	96.8	97.1	76.5	102.4
March	96.7	97.3	76.7	101.6
April	98.1	98.7	77.3	102.6
May	85.1	85.2	65.4	92.3
June	78.1	77.3	60.8	88.5
July	85.8	79.3	65.2	93.9
August	81.6	80.3	66.0	93.5
September	85.5	84.6	71.6	94.7
October	86.0	85.4	72.6	93.7
November	86.7	86.6	73.6	92.3
December	84.9	84.9	70.0	90.6
Year	88.5	87.9	71.1	95.8
1941 - January	85.0	84.7	73.4	91.1
February	80.1	79.4	70.0	87.1
March	80.3	79.6	70.6	87.1
April	77.9	77.3	71.2	83.1
May	77.1	77.3	70.7	78.9
June	79.5	79.7	70.9	81.6
July	83.2	84.2	73.8	81.8
August	83.2	84.3	74.4	81.0
September	83.6	84.8	72.6	81.3
October	80.4	81.6	70.3	78.5
November	77.4	78.6	68.4	74.5
December	71.8	73.8	61.0	66.2
Year				
1942 - January	72.6	74.3	69.0	66.1
February	69.9	71.0	68.4	64.5
March	66.0	67.2	65.0	60.5
April	63.3	64.8	61.1	56.5
May	63.2	64.7	60.3	67.2
June (1st week)	66.5	63.4	59.1	59.9

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PRICE MOVEMENTS, JULY, 1942

WHOLESALE: The Bureau's monthly composite index of wholesale prices moved up 0.3 points to 96.1 in July over the June level of 95.8. Accounting for the increase was marked strength in the vegetable products group coupled with a fractional gain in the non-metallic minerals series. These outweighed fractional declines in animal products, fibres, textiles and textile products and wood, wood products and paper. The remaining three groups, viz., iron and its products, non-ferrous metals and their products and chemicals and allied products were unchanged. The composite monthly index for 30 industrial materials on the base 1926=100 showed a decrease of 0.2 points when compared with the June figure of 94.8. The food series was responsible for the decline, being down 2.4 points at 87.8 due to a decrease of more than $1.80 per cwt. for steers. This more than offset advances for wheat and hog quotations. Manufacturing materials increased 0.4 points to 82.0 as prices rosin advanced. The stable price group of 12 commodities held steady at 114.0. Canadian farm product prices on the same base fell to 81.1 from 81.5 between June and July. Animal products declined 3.4 points to 103.6 as the livestock index dropped 17.0 points to 132.5. Field products stiffened 1.4 to 67.7 due to a sharp increase in potato prices which more than offset declines in onions and hay.

COST OF LIVING: (Wartime increase 17.0 per cent - from 100.8 to 117.9). The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index advanced from 116.7 on June 1 to 117.9 on July 2, 1942. This index which has been specified as the basis for calculating cost-of-living bonus adjustments under Order-in-Council P.C. 5963 has increased 17.0 per cent between August 1939 and July 1942. In compliance with the revised Order-in-Council P.C. 6219, the price of cigarettes and tobacco in the July index does not include the tax imposed on June 24, 1942, by the Special War Revenue Act. The food index advanced from 126.2 to 130.3 between June and July, due mainly to increases in potatoes, beef, lamb and eggs. Butter, cheese and lard declined moderately. There was a lesser increase in the clothing index for 119.9 to 120.0. The fuel and lighting index declined from 112.6 to 112.5, while the three remaining groups were unchanged. Home furnishings and services held at 117.9, rentals at 111.3, and the miscellaneous group at 107.1.

SECURITIES: Following a moderate rally in the first part of July, common stock prices on Canadian exchanges recorded a weaker tone during the last three weeks for the month. At 62.4 for July the Investors' composite index for 95 common stocks was 0.4 points below the final June level. A sharp drop occurred in bank stocks from an index level of 87.7 for June to 81.7 for July. This reflected announced year-end reductions in dividend declarations for six of the nine chartered banks, due to the imposition of new taxes, as announced in the 1942 budget. A decline of 2.6 points in the composite mining index reflected losses for both golds and base metals, the former series being down 3.3 points for the month at 39.3 and the latter 1.0 points at 73.3. As indicated by an index based upon a 15-year 3 per cent theoretical issue, Dominion of Canada long-term bond yields eased 0.1 points to 98.7 in July.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX MOVEMENTS BETWEEN JUNE AND JULY, 1942.

VEGETABLE PRODUCTS: Seasonal upturns for a number of items coupled with advances due to a tax increase on malt were sufficient to move the vegetable products composite index up 1.6 points to 86.0 in July. The more substantial increases during the month included potatoes, up 30.3 points to an index level of 127.7; fresh fruits up 4.4 points to 115.4 due to gains for bananas, oranges and lemons; flour and milled products, 3.9 points to 79.2, reflecting a tax increase of 4¢ to 16¢ per pound for malt. Movements in grain quotations were mixed, with slight losses in barley, oats, rye and Ontario winter wheat offsetting increases in Western wheat; the index eased 0.3 points to 62.2 for the final month of the 1941-42 crop year. For the 1942-43 crop year indications at the present time point to a very large cereal crop in Western Canada. Unofficial reports estimated a probable outturn of over 550 million bushels of wheat, 478 millions of oats, 248 millions of barley, 28 millions of rye and 175 millions of flax. Visible supplies of wheat as of July 31 totalled 411 million bushels. Other vegetable product sub-groups to register declines were onions, off 35.5 points at 169.1; miscellaneous vegetable commodities 8.1 points at 95.7 due to easier hay prices and vegetable oils 0.2 points at 132.2 on a slight reduction in soya bean oil quotations. Other sub-groups were unchanged.

ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS: The Bureau's index number of wholesale prices of animal products moved down more than 1 p.c. to 101.1 in July. Lower prices obtained for fishery products, furs, livestock, fresh meats and oils and fats, but cured meats, sheepskins and eggs averaged from 1 to 5 p.c. higher than in the previous month. Livestock prices dropped more than 11p.c. to 132.5 in July with all classes, hogs excepted, sharing in the decline. Cattle runs were heavy and a considerable portion of those offered for export were bought by the Wartime Food Corporation for domestic use. An index of steer prices fell 15 p.c. and calf markets moved down about 3 p.c. Seasonally heavy offerings of lambs brought prices down almost 8 p.c., but hogs opposed the general trend, to average nearly 2 p.c. above June levels. Due to a 1¢ per pound reduction in beef prices effective July 13, the index of fresh meats dropped more than 3 p.c. to 128.5 while cured meats moved upward about 1 p.c. to 96.6. A 9 p.c. drop occurred in fur prices as reported by the Canadian Fur Auction Sales of June 16. Most skins averaged lower with declines ranging from 20 p.c. for medium priced mink skins to 5 p.c. for beaver and white fox. Due to a 8 p.c. drop in canned lobsters, the index for fishery products moved down from 111.6 in June to 110.4 in July. Milk, butter and cheese held firm. First grade creamery prints at 6 representative Canadian cities averaged 35.4¢ per pound. Cold storage stocks of creamery butter were reported by the Agricultural Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at 41,199,000 pounds on August 1, or 14,623,000 pounds more than on the first of the previous month. Lard prices were generally easier at regional Canadian cities and the index of oils and fats declined from 75.0 to 73.6. As sheep skins began to show a seasonal rise in value, the index of hides and skins moved up 5 p.c. to 100.9. Eggs averaged about 5 p.c. higher than in June. Fresh supplies continued to decline and towards the close of the month offerings were barely sufficient for current requirements at some major centres. Buying on the part of the Special Products Board continued in good volume and cold storage supplies totalled 14,590,000 dozen on August 1 compared with 15,747,000 dozen on the first of July.

FIBRES, TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS: There was a decline of 0.1 to 91.9 for the composite fibres, textiles and textile products index in July due to a price reduction in cotton yarns. Domestic cotton consumption in June totalled 40,690 bales which was 12.6 p.c. below May levels and 6.9 p.c. below June, 1941. Heavy labour turnover coupled with a slightly reduced number of working days was related to the decline. Allocation against No. 4 war order for approximately 25 million yards of uniform cloth, duck and tickings, for which deliveries must be made by September 30, 1943, have been practically completed. This order alone will engage 40 p.c. of the cotton industry's capacity while another 30 p.c. will be engaged on essential civilian requirements. Effective July 21 Canadian importers of United States cotton must pay the United States market price due to the termination of the cotton subsidy programme in that country. All cotton which has been purchased under the subsidy must enter Canada by September 30 it was stated. In the woollen section subsidies of 22 to 25 p.c. will be required for imported raw wool due to price advances of about 13 p.c. for Australian wools effective July 1 coupled with increases of almost the same amount for war risk insurance and freight charges. It was indicated that proportions of woollen goods manufactured for civilian use will be considerably reduced during the next eight months. As of July 10 the rayon administrator issued a memorandum on imported viscose rayon singles providing for subsidy payments up to a maximum of 18.62¢ per pound. The subsidy will cover all yarn cleared from customs since December 1, 1941.

WOOD, WOOD PRODUCTS AND PAPER: Due to a reduction of 27½¢ per thousand in the export price of cedar shingles the composite monthly index for wood, wood products and paper eased 0.3 points to 101.5 between June and July. The cedar lumber and timber subgroup moved down from 162.5 to 155.3 in the same interval. Other sub-groups were steady at 131.6 for pine; 128.8 for spruce; 104.8 for hardwoods; 148.4 for hemlock and 125.9 for fir. Under a ruling of the Timber Controller, effective July 6 until further notice, British Columbia sawmills were required to make available for either Canadian, United Kingdom or British Overseas Dominions consumption at least seventy-five per cent of their total lumber production or shipments, whichever is the greater during this period. No order may be accepted for shipment to any point outside of Canada, except orders to the British Timber Control, without first obtaining written approval from the Assistant Timber Controller. Some gains were reported in the seriously depleted British Columbia fir, cedar and hemlock inventories during May and June. On the east cost the British Timber Control was in the market for spruce at an advance of $2.50 per thousand over October 1941 price schedules. The increase will apply to rotary sawn stock only, bandsawn lumber operating on a separate basis. Uncertain labour supply continued to be the main factor bearing on production on both the east and west coasts. For May the British Columbia sawlog scale totalled 338 million feet board measure. This was approximately 50 million feet above April, 1942 but 37 million feet below May, 1941 production.

IRON AND ITS PRODUCTS: The index for iron and its products remained unchanged in July at 115.3. According to the Lake Superior Iron Ore Association, July lake shipments of iron ore broke all former records as 13,333,751 gross tons reached United States ports and 71,657 gross tons were transported to the Canadian side. As calculated by the Mining, Metallurgical and Chemical Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the Canadian output of pig iron at 167,961 tons in June was 3,400 tons below the record May level but production increased in the latter part of the month with the blowing in of another blast furnace. This made a total of 12 in operation with an annual capacity of 2,123,000 net tons. The output of steel ingots and castings at 254,163 net tons was also lower than in May by about 18,000 tons. To meet the growing demand for iron and steel products for defensive purposes, further restrictions were placed on deliveries to firms engaged in industries other than for war purposes.

NON-FERROUS METALS: The composite index for non-ferrous metals continued at 78.4 for July, unchanged for the sixth consecutive month. Under a new arrangement Canadian production of copper, zinc, lead and other strategic metals will be increased shortly. Additional ore from hitherto sub-marginal deposits also will be shipped to the United States. Acute shortage of tin has led the Government to ask consumers to return their collapsible metal tubes. In 1941, 345 short tons of metal were used for tubes while for the first four months of this year the average has been about 5 tons per month. Restrictions issued by the metals Controller were recently placed on the use of copper and zinc in lithography, photo-engraving and electrotyping.

NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS: Due to upward revisions in the prices of the clay products and sulphur groups, the index of non-metallic minerals and their products advanced fractionally from 99.9 in June to 100.0 in July despite minor recessions in the prices of sand and gravel.

CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS: There was no change in the index of wholesale prices of chemicals and allied products which remained at 102.2 in July. Minor gains in the price of calcium carbide brought the index for the inorganic group up 0.1 to 88.9 in July. Due to higher prices for oxygen, the index for industrial gases rose fractionally from 82.8 to 83.0 between June and July, but these gains were too small to affect the total index.

Weekly Index Numbers of 30 Industrial Material Prices
(1926=100)

Month	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
July, 1942	95.0	94.7	94.8	94.7	94.6
June, 1942	94.8	94.9	94.9	95.0	-
May, 1942 .....(May 1)	93.6	93.5	93.8	94.0	94.1
April, 1942	93.4	93.4	93.4	93.5	-

Weekly Index Numbers of Canadian Farm Products
(1926=100)

Month	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
July, 1942	81.8	82.3	81.9	80.8	80.0
June, 1942	81.3	81.7	81.9	83.1	-
May, 1942 .....(May 1)	79.7	79.8	80.0	80.5	81.0
April, 1942	78.9	79.1	79.5	79.6	-

SUMMARY TABLES OF CANADIAN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

(1926=100)

	General Wholesale Price Index	Consumers' Goods	Producers' Goods	Building Materials	Raw and Partly Manufactured Goods	Fully and Chiefly Manufactured Goods	Canadian Farm Products			Industrial Materials	Thirteen Sensitive Materials
							Field	Animal	Total		
1913	64.0	62.0	67.7	67.0	63.8	64.8	56.4	77.0	64.1	-	-
1920	155.9	136.1	164.3	144.0	154.1	156.5	166.5	150.8	160.6	-	-
1929	95.6	94.7	96.1	99.0	97.5	93.0	93.8	112.5	100.8	91.8	87.2
1933	67.1	71.1	63.1	76.3	56.6	70.2	45.8	59.7	51.0	54.1	43.8
1939	75.4	75.9	70.4	89.7	67.4	75.3	54.2	81.2	64.3	69.0	57.0
1940	82.9	83.4	78.7	95.6	75.3	81.5	56.0	85.8	67.1	79.0	65.9
1941	90.0	91.1	83.6	107.3	81.8	88.8	56.5	95.9	71.2	87.3	75.0
1939 August	72.3	72.7	66.7	90.2	62.8	72.6	48.2	75.4	58.4	65.3	52.9
1940											
June	81.7	82.5	77.2	94.3	74.0	80.0	52.9	83.5	64.3	77.9	65.3
July	82.6	83.7	77.7	95.3	74.9	80.7	52.8	83.9	64.4	78.7	64.8
August	82.6	83.5	77.9	96.7	73.8	81.3	50.4	83.3	62.7	78.1	63.9
September	83.0	84.0	78.3	97.6	74.4	81.6	50.7	85.8	63.8	78.2	63.1
October	83.3	84.1	78.4	98.0	74.8	81.8	51.1	87.3	64.6	78.8	64.0
November	84.0	84.8	78.8	98.2	76.1	82.4	52.5	91.0	66.9	79.8	66.0
December	84.2	85.2	79.1	98.0	76.2	83.0	52.5	91.6	67.1	79.1	64.7
1941											
January	84.8	85.5	79.8	99.1	76.6	83.4	53.6	90.0	67.2	80.1	65.7
February	85.4	85.7	80.5	100.2	77.7	83.8	54.4	91.6	68.3	81.2	66.9
March	86.0	86.2	81.3	100.6	78.9	84.3	55.6	91.8	69.1	82.3	68.6
April	86.8	87.1	81.6	100.9	79.3	85.4	55.9	92.2	69.5	83.4	70.8
May	88.8	88.8	83.5	107.7	80.8	87.2	55.5	93.3	69.6	86.5	73.6
June	90.1	90.6	84.2	108.4	81.8	88.9	57.1	94.3	71.0	88.0	75.4
July	91.3	92.1	84.6	109.8	82.5	90.4	57.1	96.1	71.7	89.3	77.6
August	92.1	93.5	84.6	111.5	83.5	91.0	56.7	97.9	72.1	90.3	79.7
September	93.4	95.4	85.6	112.1	84.7	92.5	57.6	99.6	73.3	91.5	80.5
October	94.0	96.6	85.8	112.0	85.4	93.1	57.9	101.1	74.1	91.3	80.6
November	94.0	96.7	85.4	112.0	85.4	93.1	57.4	102.0	74.1	91.0	80.4
December	93.6	95.3	85.8	112.8	85.7	92.1	59.2	100.5	74.6	91.7	80.4
1942											
January	94.3	95.3	86.8	113.1	87.2	92.0	62.8	101.5	77.3	92.4	80.4
February	94.6	94.9	87.2	113.3	87.8	91.7	64.3	102.1	78.4	93.2	80.8
March	95.1	95.4	87.4	114.2	88.4	92.1	64.6	102.7	78.8	93.3	80.9
April	95.0	95.1	87.7	114.4	88.6	91.9	65.0	103.7	79.5	93.5	80.9
May	95.2	95.1	88.3	114.4	89.4	91.6	65.5	104.8	80.2	94.2	81.5
June	95.8	96.0	88.7	114.2	90.5	91.5	66.3	107.0	81.5	94.8	81.6
July	96.1	96.6	88.0	113.8	90.4	91.9	67.7	103.6	81.1	94.6	82.0

COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Note: Wholesale price indexes appearing in this bulletin are subject to revision.

	Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1941	July 1941	May 1942	June 1942	July 1942
	Total Index	526	90.0	91.3	95.2	95.8	96.1
I.	Vegetable Products	123	77.0	78.5	83.8	84.4	86.0
	Fruits	14	88.6	86.3	98.1	103.9	107.3
	Fresh	4	91.8	88.5	103.3	111.0	115.4
	Dried	4	82.2	79.7	91.7	91.7	92.2
	Canned	6	75.5	80.0	73.5	73.5	73.5
	Grains	22	56.2	56.4	61.9	62.5	62.2
	Flour and Milled Products	12	76.7	80.4	75.3	75.3	79.2
	Bakery Products	2	86.3	86.2	86.8	86.8	86.8
	Vegetable Oils	4	109.8	119.7	132.4	132.4	132.2
	Rubber and Its Products	7	74.2	75.5	75.7	75.7	75.7
	Sugar and Its Products and Glucose	8	115.9	119.4	120.6	120.6	120.6
	Tea, Coffee, Cocoa and Spices	13	109.1	110.9	122.7	122.7	122.7
	Vegetables	13	66.1	72.5	99.3	103.6	121.3
II.	Animals and Their Products	75	92.1	93.5	99.7	102.3	101.1
	Fishery Products	16	92.9	92.3	108.8	111.6	110.4
	Furs	9	80.5	78.0	81.9	81.9	74.5
	Hides and Skins	6	110.3	100.6	127.2	95.9	100.9
	Leather, Unmanufactured	9	106.3	108.3	111.9	111.9	111.9
	Boots and Shoes	2	103.5	102.9	105.3	105.3	105.3
	Live Stock	4	110.0	113.9	135.3	149.5	132.5
	Meats and Poultry	9	94.9	100.0	105.2	112.9	111.4
	Milk and Its Products	12	93.2	92.0	96.9	95.7	95.7
	Fats	5	63.3	69.5	75.1	75.0	73.6
	Eggs	3	70.8	71.8	72.2	75.2	78.6
III.	Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	64	91.0	92.5	92.0	92.0	91.9
	Cotton, Raw	2	98.4	109.7	119.0	119.0	119.0
	Cotton Fabrics	19	87.8	89.1	82.5	82.5	82.5
	Knit Goods	3	95.4	93.2	101.3	101.3	101.3
	Flax, Hemp and Jute Products	6	86.0	94.1	90.9	90.9	90.9
	Rayon and Silk Hosiery	1	70.2	67.5	73.1	73.1	73.1
	Rayon Fabrics	2	69.0	69.0	67.2	67.2	67.2
	Artificial Silk Products	2	49.0	48.9	49.0	49.0	49.0
	Wool, Raw	3	95.0	96.7	94.7	94.7	94.7
	Wool Hosiery and Knit Goods	5	108.2	108.4	108.8	108.8	108.8
	Wool Cloth	6	104.5	104.4	105.2	105.2	105.2
IV.	Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	96.0	97.1	101.8	101.8	101.5
	Newsprint and Wrapping Paper	2	74.0	74.0	74.0	74.0	74.0
	Lumber	33	120.6	123.8	132.6	132.6	131.7
	Pulp	3	108.9	108.9	119.0	119.0	119.0
	Furniture	10	99.1	99.9	104.7	104.7	104.7
V.	Iron and Its Products	44	111.3	112.6	115.3	115.3	115.3
	Pig Iron and Steel Billets	3	101.7	101.7	104.8	104.8	104.8
	Rolling Mill Products	14	115.0	117.0	121.3	121.3	121.3
	Hardware	16	92.5	92.9	93.9	93.9	93.9
	Wire	3	99.3	100.4	100.4	100.4	100.4
	Scrap	5	112.3	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9
VI.	Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	17	78.0	78.2	78.4	78.4	78.4
	Brass and Copper Products	5	86.3	86.6	86.7	86.7	86.7
	Lead and Its Products	2	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1
	Tin Ingots	2	91.1	93.0	96.2	96.2	96.2
	Zinc and Its Products	2	59.1	59.2	59.1	59.1	59.1
	Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products (V and VI above)	61	100.2	101.1	103.0	103.0	103.0

COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1941	July 1941	May 1942	June 1942	July 1942
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	81	95.6	96.3	100.0	99.9	100.0
Clay and Allied Material Products	10	92.2	94.2	94.2	94.2	96.3
Coal	13	108.3	109.3	113.8	113.7	113.7
Coke	4	121.8	121.4	122.5	122.5	122.5
Manufactured Gas	3	103.4	103.5	103.5	103.5	103.5
Glass and Its Products	6	102.8	104.4	104.4	104.4	104.4
Petroleum Products	5	78.9	79.2	85.1	85.1	85.1
Asphalt	2	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3
Salt	4	123.6	130.6	130.6	130.6	130.6
Lime	4	108.4	111.7	112.2	112.2	112.2
Cement	1	104.1	106.5	106.5	106.5	106.5
Sand and Gravel	8	87.6	87.3	89.6	89.6	87.3
Crushed Stone	3	78.5	78.0	87.6	80.3	80.3
Building Stone	3	68.4	70.8	70.8	70.8	70.8
Asbestos	8	74.1	74.1	74.1	74.1	74.1
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	73	98.9	100.2	102.1	102.2	102.2
Inorganic Chemicals	22	89.2	87.9	89.2	88.8	88.9
Organic Chemicals	5	86.0	87.9	90.4	90.4	90.4
Coal Tar Products	2	90.7	91.1	91.1	91.1	91.1
Dyeing and Tanning Materials	10	131.4	131.8	136.4	136.4	136.4
Explosives	2	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1
Paints, Prepared	1	79.7	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5
Drugs and Pharmaceutical Chemicals	8	162.6	167.8	174.2	176.0	176.0
Fertilizers	10	87.9	88.1	88.1	88.1	88.1
Industrial Gases	2	83.1	85.9	83.5	82.8	83.0

PURPOSE CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

I. CONSUMERS' GOODS (Groups A and B)	215	91.1	92.1	95.1	96.0	96.6
A. Foods, Beverages and Tobacco	118	89.5	91.6	96.5	98.6	100.2
Beverages	8	112.9	114.9	125.8	125.8	125.8
Flour and Milled Products	12	76.7	80.4	75.3	75.3	79.2
Bakery Products	2	86.3	86.2	86.8	86.8	86.8
Fish	16	92.9	92.3	108.8	111.6	110.4
Fruits	14	88.6	86.3	98.1	103.9	107.3
Meats and Poultry	9	94.9	100.0	105.2	112.9	111.4
Milk and Milk Products	12	93.2	92.0	96.9	95.7	95.7
Sugar and Its Products	8	115.9	119.4	120.6	120.6	120.6
Vegetables	13	66.1	72.5	99.3	103.6	121.3
Eggs	3	70.8	71.8	72.2	75.2	78.6
Tobacco	7	41.9	41.8	45.7	45.7	45.7
B. Other Consumers' Goods	97	92.2	92.4	94.2	94.2	94.2
Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Rubbers, Hosiery and Underwear	48	91.4	91.4	90.9	90.9	90.9
Household Equipment and Supplies	49	92.9	93.1	96.7	96.7	96.7
II. PRODUCERS' GOODS (Groups C and D)	377	83.6	84.6	88.3	88.7	88.0
C. Producers' Equipment	24	105.7	106.7	110.4	110.4	110.4
Tools	3	93.7	93.2	98.1	98.1	98.1
Light, Heat and Power Equipment and Supplies	17	106.9	108.0	111.9	111.9	111.9
Explosives	2	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1
Miscellaneous	2	100.8	100.8	100.8	100.8	100.8

PURPOSE CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1941	July 1941	May 1942	June 1942	July 1942
. Producers' Materials	353	81.1	82.1	85.8	86.3	85.5
Building and Construction Materials	110	107.3	109.8	114.4	114.2	113.8
*Lumber	33	120.6	123.8	132.6	132.6	131.7
Paint	12	82.3	84.6	87.7	86.6	86.6
Miscellaneous	65	100.7	102.7	103.7	103.4	103.5
Manufacturers' Materials	243	76.6	77.4	80.9	81.6	80.7
Textiles and Clothing	46	88.2	89.8	86.8	86.8	86.7
Furs and Leather Goods	24	98.0	96.8	103.7	99.3	97.5
For Metal Working Industries	40	85.1	85.6	86.4	86.4	86.4
For Chemical Using Industries	42	96.5	96.5	98.1	97.8	98.6
For Meat Packing Industries	4	110.0	113.9	135.3	149.5	132.5
For Milling and Other Industries	22	56.2	56.4	61.9	62.5	62.2
Miscellaneous Producers' Materials	65	78.8	79.9	81.6	81.3	82.0

ORIGIN CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

otal Raw and Partly Manufactured	223	81.8	82.5	89.4	90.5	90.4
otal Fully and Chiefly Manufactured	302	88.8	90.4	91.6	91.5	91.9
. Articles of Farm Origin (Domestic and Foreign)						
A. Field						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	84	63.2	63.8	72.6	73.4	74.2
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured	83	86.8	89.3	88.0	88.0	89.0
(c) Total	167	75.9	77.5	80.9	81.3	82.2
B. Animal						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	36	95.0	95.2	100.6	103.6	102.0
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured	54	89.0	90.6	93.8	93.4	93.5
(c) Total	90	91.6	92.6	96.7	97.8	97.2
C. Canadian Farm Products						
(1) Field	50	56.5	57.1	65.5	66.3	67.7
(2) Animal	18	95.9	96.1	104.8	107.0	103.6
(3) Total	68	71.2	71.7	80.2	81.5	81.1
I. Articles of Marine Origin						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	7	79.6	79.2	95.9	103.9	105.6
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured	9	96.8	96.9	116.7	116.7	113.6
(c) Total	16	92.1	92.1	111.1	113.2	111.4
II. Articles of Forest Origin						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	37	117.1	119.3	128.5	128.5	127.8
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured	20	76.9	77.0	77.6	77.6	77.6
(c) Total	57	95.6	96.7	101.3	101.3	101.0
V. Articles of Mineral Origin						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	59	92.6	93.1	95.2	95.1	95.2
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured	136	98.0	99.0	101.6	101.5	101.5
(c) Total	195	95.6	96.4	98.7	98.6	98.7

* Includes both domestic and export prices.

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WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES
(All Prices given in Canadian Funds)

Commodity		Yearly Average 1941	July 1941	May 1942	June 1942	July 1942
		$	$	$	$	$
OATS, No.2 C.W. Ft.William and Pt.Arthur cash basis	Bush.	.408	.403	.515	.515	.513
WHEAT, No.1 Man. Northern Ft.William and Pt.Arthur cash basis	Bush.	.747	.747	.793	.800	.808
FLOUR, First Patent, 2-98's Cotton, Toronto		5.529	5.850	5.050	5.050	5.050
SUGAR, Granulated, Montreal	Cwt.	6.643	6.893	6.893	6.893	6.893
RUBBER, Ceylon, ribbed, smoked sheets, f.o.b. New York	Lb.	.273	.273	.275	.275	.275
LINSEED OIL, Raw, Montreal	Gal.	.834	.870	.900	.900	.900
CATTLE, Steers, good up to 1050 lbs. Toronto	Cwt.	8.694	8.710	10.910	12.440	10.630
HOGS, Bl, Dressed, Toronto	Cwt.	13.240	14.620	15.260	15.490	15.850
BEEF HIDES, Packer Hides, Native Steers, Toronto	Lb.	.149	.156	.150	.150	.150
LEATHER, Packer crops, No.1 and 11, f.o.b. Distributing points	Lb.	.474	.480	.480	.480	.480
BOX SIDES D, f.o.b. Ont. factory	Ft.	.225	.240	.240	.240	.240
BUTTER, Creamery prints, first grade Montreal	Lb.	.348	.362	.365	.358	.358
CHEESE, Canada, old, large Montreal	Lb.	.271	.240	.340	.340	.340
EGGS, Grade "A" large Montreal	Doz.	.346	.364	.334	.352	.368
COTTON, raw 1" - 1 1/16" Hamilton	Lb.	.188	.207	.223	.223	.223
COTTON YARNS, 10's white single Hosiery cops, Mill	Lb.	.344	.361	*.293	*.293	.293
WOOL, eastern bright ¼ blood domestic, f.o.b. Ontario	Lb.	.310	.310	.310	.310	.310
WOOL, western range, semi-bright ½ blood, domestic f.o.b. Ontario	Lb.	.263	.283	.260	.260	.260
(A) Pulp, groundwood, No.1 delivered, East Continental Divide	Ton	44.000	44.000	50.600	50.600	50.600
STEEL, Merchant bars, mild Mill	100 Lbs.	2.686	2.754	2.754	2.754	2.754
PIG IRON, foundry No.1, f.o.b. Plant	Gross Ton	25.500	25.500	25.500	25.500	25.500
COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic Montreal	Cwt.	11.500	11.500	11.500	11.500	11.500
LEAD, domestic, f.o.b. carlots Montreal	Cwt.	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000
TIN INGOTS, Straits, f.o.b. Toronto	Lb.	.618	.645	.620	.620	.620
ZINC, domestic, f.o.b. carlots Montreal	Cwt.	5.150	5.150	5.150	5.150	5.150
COAL, Anthracite, Toronto f.o.b. carlots	Ton	12.138	12.133	12.553	12.553	12.553
COAL, Bituminous, N.S. run-of-mine	Ton	5.650	5.700	5.700	5.700	5.700
(B) GASOLENE, Standard Toronto	Gal.	.193	.205	.215	.215	.215
SULPHURIC ACID 66° Baume f.o.b. works	Net Ton	17.250	17.000	18.000	18.000	18.000

(A) Groundwood Pulp delivered to consumers' Mills, east of Continental Divide, (exclusive of Denver).

(B) 1942 - Federal tax included.

* Prices retroactive to May.

PRICE INDEX NUMBER SYNOPSIS

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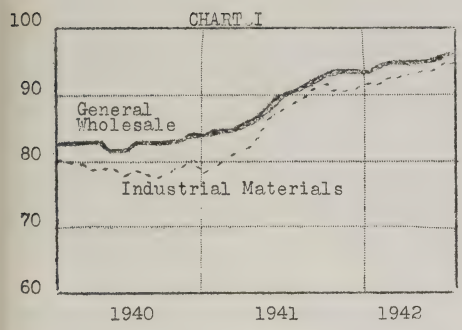

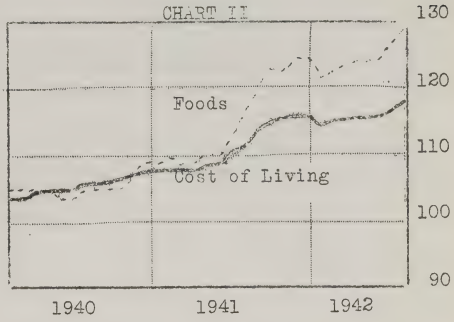

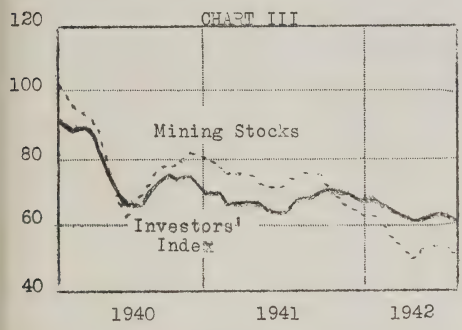

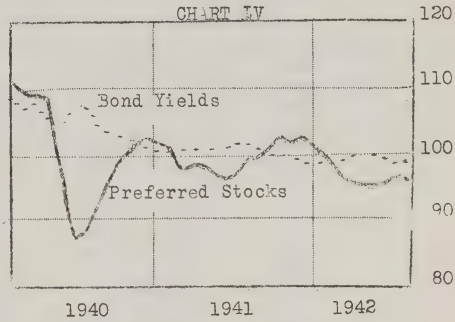

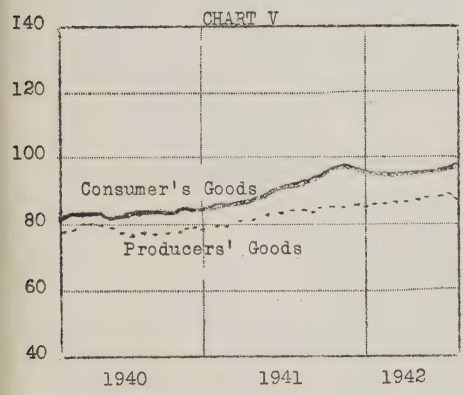

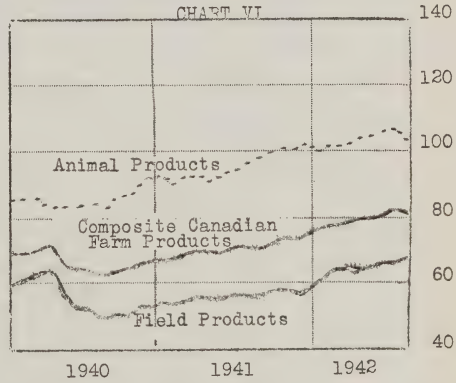

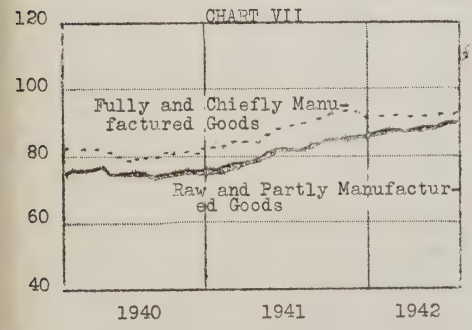

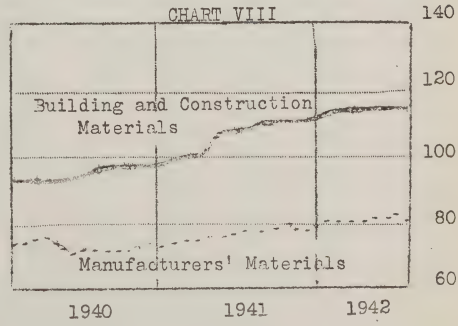

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS IN CANADA, JULY 2, 1942.

(Calculations based on prices for the first business day of each month)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of living costs on the base 1935-1939=100, rose from 116.7 on June 1st to 117.9* on July 2nd, influenced by higher prices for a number of foods and a slight rise in clothing. Living costs on July 2nd were 17.0 per cent above the August 1939 level.

An index for 46 food items moved up from 126.2 in June to 130.3 in July. Meats, vegetables, fruits and dairy products all recorded gains, while easier quotations for cheese and butter in a number of centres caused the dairy products sub-index to decline moderately. Cereals and dry groceries remained practically unchanged. Single commodity increases were recorded for potatoes, beef, lamb and eggs. In addition to cheese, lard and butter showed moderate declines.

Slightly higher prices for men's ready-to-wear garments resulted in an increase in the clothing index from 119.9 to 120.0. Fuel costs declined from 112.6 to 112.5, following lower prices for coke in several important centres. Rentals at 111.3, home-furnishings and services at 117.9 and miscellaneous items at 107.1 were the same for both June and July.

An index for retail prices alone was up from 121.8 to 123.9, reflecting the higher food prices already noted.

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS, 1913-JULY 2, 1942
(1935-1939=100)

	Total Index	Food Index	Rent Index	Fuel and Lighting Index	Clothing Index	Home Furnishings and Miscellaneous Index	Retail Prices Index (Commodities only)
1913	79.7	88.3	74.3	76.9	88.0	70.3	-
1914	80.0	91.9	72.1	75.4	88.9	70.3	-
1917	104.5	133.3	75.8	83.8	130.3	81.5	-
1918	118.3	152.8	80.2	92.2	152.3	91.4	-
1920	150.5	188.1	100.2	119.9	213.1	110.3	-
1926	121.8	133.3	115.9	116.8	139.1	106.1	-
1929	121.7	134.7	119.7	112.6	134.8	105.0	-
1930	120.8	131.5	122.7	111.8	130.6	105.4	-
1934	95.6	92.7	93.2	102.1	97.1	97.8	-

	Percentage Increase Since Aug.1,1939						Home furnishings and Services Index	Miscellaneous Index	
1935		96.2	94.6	94.0	100.9	97.6	95.4	98.7	95.9
1936		98.1	97.8	96.1	101.5	99.3	97.2	99.1	98.1
1937		101.2	103.2	99.7	98.9	101.4	101.5	100.1	102.0
1938		102.2	103.8	103.1	97.7	100.9	102.4	101.2	102.8
1939		101.5	100.6	103.8	101.2	100.7	101.4	101.4	101.0
1940		105.6	105.6	106.3	107.1	109.2	107.2	102.3	106.6
1941	10.8	111.7	116.1	109.4	110.3	116.1	113.8	105.1	114.9
1939 Aug. 1		100.8	99.3	103.8	99.0	100.1	100.9	101.3	100.0
June 2	9.6	110.5	112.5	109.7	110.2	114.9	112.1	105.6	112.7
July 2	11.0	111.9	116.6	109.7	110.5	115.1	113.0	105.6	114.9
Aug. 1	12.8	113.7	121.3	109.7	110.5	115.7	114.3	106.1	117.7
Sept. 2	13.8	114.7	123.3	109.7	110.9	117.4	115.8	106.4	119.4
Oct. 1	14.6	115.5	123.2	111.2	112.1	119.6	117.3	106.5	120.1
Nov. 1	15.4	116.3	125.4	111.2	112.7	120.0	117.9	106.7	121.4
Dec. 1	14.9	115.8	123.8	111.2	112.7	119.9	117.9	106.7	120.6
1942 Jan. 2	14.5	115.4	122.3	111.2	112.9	119.9	118.0	106.8	119.9
Feb. 2	14.8	115.7	123.1	111.2	112.9	119.8	118.0	107.1	120.3
Mar. 2	15.0	115.9	123.7	111.2	112.9	119.8	118.0	107.1	120.6
Apr. 1	15.0	115.9	123.7	111.2	112.9	119.8	118.1	107.1	120.6
May 1	15.2	116.1	124.3	111.3	112.9	119.9	118.0	107.1	120.9
June 1	15.8	116.7	126.2	111.3	112.6	119.9	117.9	107.1	121.8
July 2	17.0	117.9	130.3	111.3	112.5	120.0	117.9	107.1	123.9

*By Order-in-Council P.C.5963 as amended, prices of cigarettes and tobacco used in the index for purposes of computing cost-of-living bonuses do not include the tax imposed on June 24, 1942 by the Special War Revenue Act. Since indirect taxes of this kind previously have been included in the index, a July figure reflecting the new tax has been computed to maintain continuity with preceding calculations. This index is 118.3.

INDEX NUMBERS OF RETAIL PRICES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES OF FOOD IN CANADA, AUGUST 1, 1939, AND JULY 2, 1941-JULY 2, 1942

(1935-1939=100)

Year and Month	Beef Sirloin	Beef Blade	Veal Roast	Lamb Roast	Pork Fresh	Bacon Breakfast	Canned Salmon	Pure Lard	Eggs Grade "A"	Milk Fresh	Butter Creamery	Cheese Canadian	Beans Dry	Potatoes
1939 - August 1st	110.7	111.4	105.5	109.3	105.8	97.4	99.1	73.4	91.5	100.0	88.7	98.2	87.9	126.4
1941 - July 2nd	134.0	143.3	135.8	133.5	123.5	116.4	123.1	71.4	95.2	109.2	116.2	121.1	110.3	117.8
August 1st	136.0	146.1	138.4	155.0	131.6	126.9	123.1	90.9	116.0	109.2	129.4	126.3	110.3	131.4
September 2nd	136.7	146.1	142.8	128.5	133.2	128.7	124.4	105.2	127.5	110.1	134.3	135.2	110.3	120.5
October 1st	136.7	148.9	147.8	122.7	133.2	128.9	126.9	113.6	129.9	110.1	127.2	153.5	110.3	113.2
November 1st	135.2	149.7	147.8	120.4	133.2	129.9	132.5	117.5	154.4	111.0	121.7	171.4	113.8	113.2
December 1st	133.6	147.5	147.2	119.6	132.4	128.7	131.9	111.0	143.2	111.0	124.6	171.4	113.8	113.6
1942 - January 2nd	133.2	147.5	148.4	120.0	132.0	128.7	131.9	104.5	121.1	111.0	124.3	170.4	112.1	120.1
February 2nd	134.0	148.3	150.3	122.3	132.8	128.7	132.5	103.9	118.1	111.0	124.3	171.4	112.1	145.7
March 2nd	134.8	150.3	152.2	124.6	133.6	128.7	133.1	103.9	115.4	111.0	125.9	171.4	112.1	153.9
April 1st	135.6	152.4	152.2	125.8	134.4	128.9	133.7	104.5	110.3	111.0	126.5	171.4	112.1	155.0
May 1st	137.1	155.9	153.5	127.7	134.8	129.3	134.4	105.2	106.6	111.0	127.2	168.5	113.8	158.5
June 1st	145.5	166.4	158.5	132.9	136.0	129.3	135.0	105.2	106.6	111.0	127.2	165.7	113.8	166.3
July 2nd	156.5	181.8	164.1	151.9	137.7	130.4	135.6	104.5	113.0	111.0	126.2	163.4	113.8	234.5

Year and Month	Tomatoes Canned	Peas Canned	Bread White	Flour House-hold	Rolled Oats	Rice	Prunes	Raisins	Jam Straw-berry	Sugar Granu-lated	Sugar Yellow	Tea	Coffee	Weighted Food Index (46 Items)
1939 - August 1st	91.3	89.7	98.4	78.4	92.6	101.2	94.7	100.0	96.5	101.6	101.6	105.6	94.4	99.3
1941 - July 2nd	118.8	103.4	104.8	102.8	98.1	118.3	104.4	101.2	94.6	132.8	133.3	136.1	131.2	116.6
August 1st	119.7	104.2	104.8	102.8	98.1	120.7	104.4	103.0	98.2	134.4	133.3	139.0	132.3	121.3
September 2nd	118.8	104.2	104.8	100.0	98.1	124.4	107.0	103.6	101.8	134.4	133.3	142.2	132.9	123.3
October 1st	118.8	104.2	104.8	100.0	101.9	126.8	108.8	103.6	103.6	134.4	133.3	146.2	134.0	123.2
November 1st	118.8	105.9	104.8	100.0	105.5	128.0	110.5	104.8	105.3	134.4	133.3	151.2	135.7	125.4
December 1st	118.8	105.0	104.8	100.0	103.7	128.0	109.6	104.2	105.3	134.4	133.3	153.2	133.7	123.8
1942 - January 2nd	117.9	105.0	104.8	100.0	103.7	128.0	110.5	103.6	105.3	132.8	133.3	152.7	133.4	122.3
February 2nd	117.9	105.0	104.8	100.0	105.5	128.0	110.5	104.2	105.3	132.8	133.3	153.8	133.7	123.1
March 2nd	118.8	105.0	104.8	100.0	105.5	130.5	111.4	104.2	105.9	132.8	133.3	154.3	133.4	123.7
April 1st	118.8	105.0	104.8	100.0	105.5	131.7	111.4	104.2	105.9	132.8	133.3	154.7	133.7	123.7
May 1st	118.8	105.9	104.8	100.0	105.5	132.9	111.4	104.2	105.9	134.4	133.3	155.4	133.7	124.3
June 1st	118.8	105.9	104.8	100.0	105.5	132.9	111.4	104.2	105.9	134.4	133.3	155.8	133.7	126.2
July 2nd	118.8	106.7	104.8	100.0	105.5	134.1	112.3	104.2	105.9	134.4	133.3	156.2	133.7	130.3

INVESTORS' INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCK PRICES

Pronounced weakness for certain sub-groups of the Investors' weekly index as sufficient to lower the composite series 0.4 points to 61.4 between June 25 and July 0 despite gains in other sub-groups. The diversified tendency in price movements was elated to investors' reactions to the sharp increase in the excess profits tax from 5 p.c. to 100 p.c. Notable among those sub-groups registering losses were banks, down 1.9 points to 75.6; textile and clothing stocks off 8.7 points at 87.1; telephone and elegraph 8.5 points at 83.2 and milling shares 7.2 points at 61.6. Groups recording ains during the month were beverages, up 3.5 points at 95.9; transportation 3.1 points t 58.6; oils 2.5 at 46.4 and power and traction 2.3 at 65.7. Monthly indexes were ower on average, the composite series being off 0.4 points at 62.4 between June and uly reflecting the decline of 6.0 points to 81.7 for banks and 0.3 points to 67.8 for tilities. Industrials were 0.2 points higher at 58.6.

MINING STOCK PRICES

Due to progressively lower prices throughout the month a decline of 1.5 oints to 49.8 occurred for the composite index for 25 mining stocks between the weeks of une 25 and July 30. Largely responsible for the recession was a decrease of 2.0 points o 38.5 in the index for 22 golds. Over the same period base metal shares were down 0.4 oints to 72.4. The monthly index for 25 mining issues declined 2.6 points to 50.6 etween June and July with golds down 3.3 points at 39.3 and base metals 1.0 points at 3.3. Listed below is a table of average prices for the weeks of July 30 and July 2, 942, as compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

GOLDS

	July 30 $	July 2 $		July 30 $	July 2 $
eattie	-	.65	Little Long Lac	.81	.90
ralorne	6.05	6.75	Macassa	2.04	2.12
uffalo-Ankerite	1.20	1.65	McIntyre	39.00	40.50
ariboo Gold Quartz ..	-	1.08	Pickle Crow	1.63	1.65
entral Patricia	.75	.95	Pioneer	1.30	1.32
ome	13.25	14.25	San Antonio	1.50	1.65
od's Lake	.095	-	Siscoe	.34	.37
ollinger	7.25	8.00	Sylvanite	-	1.65
irkland Lake	.41	.45	Teck-Hughes	1.65	1.53
ake Shore	8.00	8.25	Uchi	-	.042
amaque Gold Mines ...	3.55	3.50	Wright-Hargreaves	2.05	2.25

BASE METALS

alconbridge	2.40	2.60	Noranda	42.87	42.00
udson Bay	22.87	23.50			

PREFERRED STOCKS

The Bureau's preferred stock price index was down 0.8 p.c. to 95.7 between June and July. The lowest point for the year 1942 to date occurred in April when the index stood at 94.5. Major recessions in July were recorded for the building materials group which declined 1.6 p.c. and foods and power stocks each down 1.1 p.c. from June averages. A gain of 1.0 p.c. in oils was offset by losses in the textile group. Beverage issues were up 1.3 p.c. above June levels while the tobacco group remained unchanged.

INDEX NUMBERS OF 30 PREFERRED STOCK PRICES, 1935-1942
(1935-1939=100)

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1935	88.7	89.0	85.9	83.5	82.5	82.5	84.0	85.5	83.5	83.8	87.5	89.0
1936	90.3	83.1	92.0	91.7	90.0	91.9	95.9	97.2	101.1	104.7	109.9	113.3
1937	119.7	121.1	133.8	124.4	120.9	119.8	119.9	122.4	109.8	99.2	98.9	97.7
1938	100.6	99.0	93.5	94.3	96.6	98.7	105.2	104.7	98.1	106.2	105.5	104.8
1939	102.5	101.8	101.2	95.2	95.3	98.8	100.1	97.7	100.5	107.4	108.7	110.1
1940	110.7	109.7	108.8	108.9	96.7	86.9	89.0	93.9	99.1	100.7	103.0	101.7
1941	101.4	97.6	98.7	97.9	96.3	96.8	98.5	100.0	103.2	102.2	102.6	100.7
1942	99.6	96.8	95.6	94.5	95.4	96.5	95.7					

INVESTORS' MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCKS

(1935-39=100)

Number of Securities 1942	GENERAL	INDUSTRIALS										UTILITIES				BANKS
	Total	Total	Machinery and Equipment	Pulp and Paper	Milling	Oils	Textiles and Clothing	Food and Allied Products	Beverages	Building Materials	Industrial Mines	Total	Transportation	Telephone Telegraph	Power and Traction	Total
	95	68	8	7	3	4	10	12	7	15	2	19	2	2	15	8
1940 - January	90.9	89.1	107.4	122.0	116.5	78.2	128.0	113.9	107.9	108.3	92.2	90.7	69.9	107.4	92.3	103.3
February	90.2	88.6	103.8	116.5	116.0	79.4	134.4	114.8	106.8	105.5	90.2	89.9	71.2	107.1	90.8	103.0
March	90.3	87.5	107.2	114.0	113.7	78.0	135.4	115.6	107.9	105.3	88.3	93.4	84.0	107.7	92.0	104.0
April	88.4	85.1	105.9	122.4	113.0	74.1	135.7	115.0	109.9	105.2	84.9	93.4	82.7	106.1	93.2	102.4
May	73.3	69.2	82.0	81.1	91.5	62.6	119.3	102.7	94.0	83.2	65.0	78.2	57.1	99.3	78.3	97.4
June	65.5	61.2	74.5	65.2	74.1	50.3	104.2	89.7	85.2	74.3	62.7	71.0	47.3	95.6	70.8	91.3
July	66.1	62.6	73.5	69.2	79.1	50.8	110.4	90.8	91.0	73.5	65.8	70.4	49.0	91.4	70.9	85.5
August	69.3	65.8	78.7	76.2	80.6	52.4	114.0	93.5	95.9	77.5	71.2	73.6	55.0	95.3	73.2	88.1
September	75.8	73.1	85.5	82.1	95.5	60.7	121.4	101.6	99.5	87.0	77.4	78.0	60.1	99.5	77.2	92.9
October	74.2	71.3	84.0	80.1	93.5	56.2	120.8	101.4	99.5	88.9	77.7	77.0	55.4	100.2	76.9	91.9
November	74.5	71.3	86.0	82.6	81.4	54.5	121.5	100.7	105.8	91.2	77.8	78.2	62.2	101.4	76.2	92.7
December	70.3	65.9	78.6	76.7	75.2	48.7	116.8	99.6	106.5	87.6	71.4	76.4	55.8	101.3	75.6	94.6
1941 - January	71.3	66.9	77.6	74.1	72.3	51.6	110.6	96.8	104.3	84.0	73.2	77.3	60.9	101.2	75.4	94.7
February	66.5	62.3	72.9	63.8	69.5	48.7	105.0	90.1	96.6	77.3	67.3	71.3	51.6	100.2	68.8	90.9
March	66.8	63.1	73.6	65.4	69.5	49.5	103.1	87.9	93.7	78.5	69.0	70.7	55.7	99.2	67.0	89.9
April	65.8	62.3	73.2	63.9	68.6	49.4	101.3	88.6	88.1	77.8	67.8	68.2	57.3	97.8	62.2	89.7
May	63.9	60.7	71.8	59.7	63.4	51.3	97.4	88.6	82.8	74.4	62.6	65.2	54.8	91.6	60.3	88.3
June	64.0	60.3	72.0	59.5	67.5	48.0	101.1	90.1	87.3	74.9	64.2	67.1	58.9	92.0	62.0	89.0
July	67.5	64.0	76.3	66.1	67.5	48.4	105.7	90.5	94.3	77.8	72.3	70.6	65.8	93.0	65.3	89.7
August	67.8	64.4	76.8	70.2	72.4	49.1	106.3	91.8	95.7	79.7	71.5	71.2	70.0	94.6	64.4	89.7
September	71.0	67.5	80.5	78.5	75.1	51.3	108.4	93.3	102.4	82.4	75.8	74.7	70.3	98.6	68.8	91.2
October	69.1	65.5	78.3	75.5	74.5	51.2	105.7	91.9	98.7	78.9	71.7	72.5	65.7	96.8	67.2	90.8
November	68.8	65.3	78.2	76.4	74.9	52.9	110.0	91.0	102.6	77.8	68.9	71.1	65.2	95.3	65.5	91.7
December	67.2	63.9	75.5	72.9	72.2	49.0	110.4	91.4	104.8	75.5	69.7	68.7	60.4	95.9	63.0	90.5
1942 - January	66.8	63.9	74.3	71.9	74.5	45.9	112.8	88.7	99.2	75.1	71.9	70.4	64.5	95.5	64.4	91.1
February	64.7	60.8	73.4	69.3	69.7	43.6	108.7	85.5	96.3	73.9	70.1	67.7	60.5	93.5	62.1	91.1
March	62.3	57.8	69.7	66.1	70.9	41.2	104.[illegible]	75.8	92.8	74.0	67.3	67.5	59.4	93.5	62.0	89.4
April	61.1	56.6	70.6	63.2	69.6	41.4	102.[illegible]	74.2	93.1	73.9	64.2	66.3	60.6	91.9	60.2	88.4
May	62.0	57.9	74.7	61.1	70.5	43.2	104.[illegible]	73.5	94.2	75.7	65.2	66.4	59.6	92.0	60.7	87.4
June	62.8	58.4	76.2	61.1	69.6	44.5	106.[illegible]	73.9	93.6	76.8	64.9	68.1	56.6	92.3	64.3	87.7
July	62.4	58.6	76.6	58.9	65.3	46.6	100.[illegible]	75.9	95.5	75.3	62.7	67.8	58.4	86.5	65.2	81.7

INDEX NUMBERS OF TWENTY-FIVE MINING STOCKS
(1935-39=100)

No. of Stocks 1942	Golds 22	Base Metals 3	Total Index 25
x1929 - High	76.2	127.3	89.2
Low	44.8	63.0	60.6
x1932 - High	53.6	32.9	45.2
Low	41.2	17.0	32.6
x1933 - High	95.0	57.7	81.4
Low	55.1	27.3	45.4
x1934 - High	119.0	67.1	99.9
Low	87.6	50.0	74.8
x1935 - High	111.4	84.7	95.3
Low	88.9	51.5	80.1
x1936 - High	115.7	123.9	118.8
Low	100.5	82.3	94.4
x1937 - High	120.0	142.7	125.6
Low	84.7	73.3	80.8
x1938 - High	106.6	129.1	112.2
Low	89.3	82.8	87.3
x1939 - High	105.7	130.1	113.5
Low	82.5	109.6	91.9
x1940 - High	92.1	122.4	102.2
Low	55.8	69.5	60.5
x1941 - High	75.2	96.1	80.6
Low	50.7	80.6	61.0
1940			
January	91.1	119.6	100.9
February	86.5	115.3	96.2
March	82.0	112.8	92.5
April	81.3	110.8	91.2
May	67.6	88.5	74.5
June	57.7	74.7	63.4
July	59.1	75.1	64.8
August	64.6	83.7	71.0
September	70.8	91.0	77.5
October	72.9	91.3	79.2
November	76.3	94.5	82.4
December	74.9	90.0	80.2
1941			
January	74.4	89.2	79.4
February	70.6	83.2	74.9
March	70.0	84.7	75.1
April	69.0	87.6	75.1
May	66.1	81.2	71.2
June	64.4	83.9	71.0
July	66.2	91.3	74.6
August	66.0	91.7	74.6
September	66.0	94.0	75.4
October	60.8	87.4	69.7
November	54.9	85.0	65.0
December	52.2	84.8	63.2
1942			
January	50.5	84.3	61.9
February	45.4	81.5	57.5
March	40.1	75.3	51.9
April	37.5	72.8	49.3
May	39.6	75.8	51.7
June	42.6	74.3	53.2
July			
Weekly Index Numbers			
Week ending July 2nd	41.2	72.6	51.7
" " " 9th	40.7	74.0	51.9
" " " 16th	39.0	73.8	50.6
" " " 23rd	38.8	73.0	50.2
" " " 30th			

x Weekly figures.

INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELDS

The Bureau's index of Dominion of Canada long-term bond yields, on the base 1935-1939=100, eased slightly in July to stand at 98.7, as compared with 98.8 for June, and 101.5 for July of last year. The weekly index dropped from 99.0 to 98.6 in the first week of July, but remained unchanged thereafter until the week ending the 29th, when it rose again to 99.0. Changes in the provincial section were few and comparatively small. An index of representative Province of Ontario bond yields, computed from information furnished by Wood, Gundy and Company, Limited, rose from 88.9 for June to 90.1 for July, while the average yield of the issues included in the index increased from 3.13 to 3.17.

British Consols closed ½ higher at 82¾, and the Dow-Jones average of selected United States bonds advanced from 88.82 to 89.28. Comparable figures for July 31, 1941, were 81½ and 91.50 respectively.

MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELDS, 1936-1942.
(1935-1939=100)

	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942
January	106.5	95.2	102.2	97.3	109.3	100.6	99.4
February	103.6	100.1	100.8	97.2	107.2	100.8	99.3
March	102.4	106.4	100.3	95.4	107.9	100.5	99.6
April	101.8	107.2	97.4	96.3	105.5	100.6	99.6
May	100.9	106.4	96.2	[illegible]	104.5	101.1	99.5
June	98.0	105.6	98.0	95.7	107.8	101.9	98.8
July	95.5	104.4	98.7	96.0	107.0	101.5	98.7
August	92.6	102.9	98.8	98.6	104.3	101.2	-
September	91.8	103.2	101.9	117.0	103.1	100.3	-
October	96.0	106.2	99.3	111.9	102.6	100.2	-
November	94.7	105.7	97.4	108.4	101.9	99.1	-
December	93.3	102.9	97.2	110.5	101.0	99.3	-

WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BONDS, 1942.

	Yields		Yields		Yields
May 6	99.6	June 3	99.0	July 8	98.6
" 13	99.6	" 10	99.0	" 15	98.6
" 20	99.3	" 17	98.6	" 22	98.6
" 27	99.3	" 24	98.6	" 29	99.0
		" 30	99.0		

EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS AT MONTREAL, AUGUST 1939 AND 1940-1942.

Note: The noon rates in Canadian Funds upon which these averages are based have been supplied by the Bank of Canada.

	New York Funds $	London Sterling $	(A) Argentine Peso (Paper) $	(A) Brazil Milreis $	India Rupee $
1939 - August	1.0047	4.6327	.2321	.0504	.3346
1940	*1.1050	*4.450	.2539	.0557	.3359
1941	1.1050	4.450	.2621	.0563	.3356
1942 - February	1.1050	4.450	.2618	.0570	.3359
March	1.1050	4.450	.2627	.0571	.3359
April	1.1050	4.450	.2628	.0571	.3359
May	1.1050	4.450	.2618	.0571	.3359
June	1.1050	4.450	.2611	.0571	.3359
July	1.1050	4.450	.2622	.0571	.3359

* Since September 16, 1939, quotations used are the average of the daily buying and selling rate of the Foreign Exchange Control Board. The current buying and selling rate for sterling is $4.43 and $4.47 and U.S. funds $1.10 and $1.11.

(A) Unofficial.

MONTHLY INDEXES OF AMERICAN STOCK PRICES, 1938-1941
(Issued by Standard and Poor's Trade Securities)
(1935-1939=100)

	Composite	Industrials	Railroads	Utilities
1938 - July	93.6	95.9	73.8	89.6
August	94.0	97.0	73.0	87.2
September	89.6	92.7	65.5	83.2
October	98.5	101.2	77.8	92.7
November	99.4	102.1	79.1	94.0
December	97.1	100.0	76.4	90.7
Year	88.2	90.1	69.5	85.6
1939 - January	97.0	98.7	79.0	94.9
February	95.1	96.0	74.3	97.9
March	96.0	96.6	77.7	99.6
April	85.0	85.1	63.9	92.5
May	98.4	88.3	67.0	96.8
June	89.9	89.9	67.5	98.1
July	91.8	91.8	69.2	100.1
August	90.7	90.4	66.8	101.1
September	99.7	101.3	82.4	98.4
October	100.7	101.8	87.2	100.4
November	98.9	99.6	82.8	101.8
December	97.0	97.6	78.4	101.3
Year	95.1	94.8	74.7	98.8
1940 - January	97.1	97.7	77.7	103.0
February	96.8	97.1	76.5	102.4
March	96.7	97.3	76.7	101.6
April	98.1	98.7	77.3	102.6
May	85.1	85.2	65.4	92.3
June	78.1	77.3	60.8	88.5
July	85.8	79.3	65.2	93.9
August	81.6	80.3	66.0	93.5
September	85.5	84.6	71.6	94.7
October	86.0	85.4	72.6	93.7
November	86.7	86.6	73.6	92.3
December	84.9	84.9	70.0	90.6
Year	88.5	87.9	71.1	95.8
1941 - January	85.0	84.7	73.4	91.1
February	80.1	79.4	70.0	87.1
March	80.3	79.6	70.6	87.1
April	77.9	77.3	71.2	83.1
May	77.1	77.3	70.7	78.9
June	79.5	79.7	70.9	81.6
July	83.2	84.2	73.8	81.8
August	83.2	84.3	74.4	81.0
September	83.6	84.8	72.6	81.3
October	80.4	81.6	70.3	78.5
November	77.4	78.6	68.4	74.5
December	71.8	73.8	61.0	66.2
1942 - January	72.6	74.3	69.0	66.1
February	69.9	71.0	68.4	64.5
March	66.0	67.2	65.0	60.5
April	63.3	64.8	61.1	56.5
May	63.2	64.7	60.3	67.2
June	66.1	68.2	59.0	58.8
July (2nd week)	68.9	71.4	62.9	59.0

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PRICE MOVEMENTS, AUGUST, 1942.

WHOLESALE: Declining 0.5 points to 95.6 between July and August, the Bureau's composite wholesale price index reflected decreases in two of the eight major groups which more than offset a fractional increase in a third. Vegetable products fell 0.9 to 85.1 on seasonal declines in potatoes, onions and hay, while weakness in fish, hides and skins, livestock and fresh meats was mainly responsible for a drop of 1.6 points to 99.5 in the animal products group. Chemicals and allied products stiffened 0.1 to 102.3 in the same interval on strength in certain inorganic chemicals. The composite index for 30 industrial materials moved 0.3 points lower to 94.3 between July and August, due to price declines in the foods and manufacturing materials sub-groups. The food section eased 1.2 points to 86.6, reflecting lower prices for oats and steers which more than offset advances in hogs and a sharp increase in the price of wheat following establishment of a 90¢ per bushel minimum carlot price for No.1 Manitoba northern, basis in store, Fort William or Vancouver. The manufacturing sub-group, reflecting weakness in the price of rosin, decreased 0.2 points to 81.8 in August, while the stable series of 12 items held steady throughout the month at 114.0. On strength in the field products section, Canadian farm products registered an index increase of 0.1 points to 81.2 during the month. An advance of 4.2 points to 66.4 for grains more than offset substantial declines in potatoes, onions and hay to raise the field products series 0.5 points to 68.2. Animal products declined 0.7 points to 102.9, due to continued weakness in livestock prices which outweighed advances in eggs and fluid milk.

COST OF LIVING: (Wartime increase 16.8 per cent--from 100.8 to 117.7). The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index declined from 117.9 on July 2 to 117.7 on August 1. This index has increased 16.8 per cent between August 1939 and August 1942. In compliance with Order-in-Council P.C. 6219 as amended, the price of cigarettes and tobacco in the August index does not include the tax imposed on June 24, 1942, under the Special War Revenue Act. The decline in the August index was due mainly to lower prices for beef and potatoes. These decreases more than offset advances for eggs, lemons and oranges, and the food index dropped from 130.3 for July to 1[illegible].6 for August. The clothing index rose fractionally from 120.0 to 120.1, while housefurnishings and services recorded a slight decline from 117.9 to 117.8. Other groups remained unchanged, rents at 111.3, fuel and light at 112.5 and miscellaneous items at 107.1.

SECURITIES: The Investors' index of 95 representative common stock prices continued lower in August. Closing at 61.6 the composite index indicated a net loss of 0.8 points from the July average. The decrease mainly reflected further weakness in bank shares coupled with a fractional decline in industrials. For 68 industrials there was an index decline of 0.1 points to 58.5 between July and August, while 19 utility issues were unchanged at 67.8. Banks dropped 9.8 points to 71.9, marking the lowest level reached since commencement of the index in 1914. Mining stocks were slightly lower also, the composite figure for a representative list of 25 issues decreasing 1.2 points to 49.4. Both golds and base metals shared in the decline, the former series being 1.3 points lower at 38.0 and the latter 1.0 points at 72.3. Based upon a 15-year 3 per cent theoretical issue, Dominion of Canada long-term bond yields gained 0.3 points to 99.0 in August.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX MOVEMENTS BETWEEN JULY AND AUGUST, 1942.

VEGETABLE PRODUCTS: Sharp seasonal declines for potatoes, onions and hay offset advances in western wheat and flax to lower the composite vegetable products group index 0.9 points to 85.1 between July and August. In the potato sub-group, declines ranging up to $1.45 per 75-pound bag lowered the index 41.4 points to 86.3 in August. Over the same period the onion price average dropped 39.8 p.c. to an index level of 101.8. In the miscellaneous section, due to lower quotations for most types of hay, coupled with easier rosin prices, there was an index drop of 2.8 points to 92.9 in August. The milled products series was off 0.7 points at 78.5, reflecting price decreases for rolled oats and oatmeal which more than offset a $2.00 per ton increase for gluten feed. In order to maintain flour price 'ceilings', despite higher wheat costs, the Wartime Prices and Trade Board announced on August 21 that millers would receive a drawback representing the difference between the average price paid for wheat and the 'ceiling' period price on wheat ground for domestic use. The price for wheat appropriate to the flour 'ceiling' has been tentatively set at 77 3/8¢ per bushel for No.1 Manitoba northern in store, Fort William. No drawback will be paid on flour exported. Registering an advance of 3.9 points to 66.1 the grain series reflected higher minimum prices for wheat and flax.

For No.1 Manitoba northern wheat, carlots, basis in store, Fort William or Vancouver, a minimum price of 90¢ per bushel was set for the 1942-43 crop year, while a minimum price of $2.25 per bushel was set for flax No.1 C.W. on the same basis. Other grain prices were lower during the month with Ontario winter wheat off 10¢ per bushel, western oats 7¢; barley 4.6 ¢ and rye 2.5¢ per bushel. While unofficial reports continued to point to a record wheat cutturn in western Canada, wet weather has acted as a deterrent in harvesting operations recently. Canned vegetables advanced 1.3 points to 79.5, due to an increase in the price of peas. Other sub-groups were unchanged from the previous month's level.

ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS: The Bureau's index number of wholesale prices of animal products moved down from 101.1 to 99.5 in August. Lower prices obtained for fishery products, sheepskins, livestock, fresh meats, and oils and fats, while the indexes for prepared meats, milk, butter, and eggs showed strength. The livestock price index dropped 4 p.c. to 126.6 in August with steer prices declining 5 p.c. and lamb prices 17 p.c., while indexes for calves and hogs went up about 2 p.c. and 1 p.c. respectively. Cattle runs were fairly heavy and a considerable number of those offered for export were bought by the Wartime Foods Corporation for domestic use. The index for fresh meats dropped 8 p.c. to 117.9, as beef wholesale prices were twice revised downward during the month, and lamb came under the ceiling on August 23. Cured meats moved upward from 96.6 to 96.9. A 14 p.c. drop in halibut prices at Prince Rupert outweighed small increases in the prices of fillets of haddock and kippered herring, and the index for fish dropped from 110.4 to 108.1. Milk and butter moved up fractionally while cheese was unchanged. Cold storage stocks of creamery butter were reported by the Agricultural Branch of the Bureau of Statistics at 48,388,000 pounds on September 1, or 7,189,000 pounds more than on the first of the previous month. Lard prices were generally easier, and the index for oils and fats declined narrowly from 73.6 to 73.1. A rise in the price for city-cured sheepskins was overbalanced by a drop for country-cured skins, and the index for hides and skins fell from 100.9 to 100.3. Eggs averaged about 6 p.c. higher than in July. Buying by the Special Products Board absorbed surpluses and kept prices above the export contract prices. Cold storage supplies totalled 10,989,000 dozen, compared with 14,590,000 dozen on the first of August. Order No.178 of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, issued on August 29, placed eggs under definite ceiling prices as from that date. Maximum wholesale prices for Grade A eggs were set for each of 11 zones, with further regulations governing prices for other grades, and the retail price mark-up.

FIBRES, TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS: A drop in the cotton knit goods sub-group from 101.3 in July to 98.9 in August was counterbalanced by an increase of 1.3 points to 92.2 for miscellaneous fibre products to hold the composite fibres, textiles and textile products index unchanged at 91.9. Other sub-groups were steady. War requirements continued to absorb approximately 70 p.c. of cotton mill capacity with sufficient orders on hand to maintain production at that level for the next 10 to 12 months. Imports of raw cotton for the first six months of 1942 totalled 154 million pounds compared with 120 millions in the corresponding period of 1941. Cotton bale openings totalled 41,873 in July against a revised figure of 36,927 in June. In the woollen section domestic raw wool production was expected to reach 10 million pounds for 1942 with prices to the producer being those set by the Canadian Wool Board in March of this year. Advances of 25 to 30 p.c. recently have occurred in the landed price of Australian and New Zealand wool.

WOOD, WOOD PRODUCTS AND PAPER: With all sub-groups unchanged, the wood, wood products and paper group index held steady at 101.5 in August. Severe labour shortages continued to be the main deterrent to increased production in 1942. According to a recent survey by the Canadian Lumberman's Association, a labour shortage of 40 p.c. is anticipated which, coupled with lower efficiency due to higher proportions of unskilled workers, would indicate an estimated lumber output of only one-half of 1942-43 requirements. To take care of the increasingly serious shortage of lumber a new eight-point programme was announced recently. Principal among these points were: (1) lumbering would be classed as an essential industry, (2) increased manpower would be made available, and (3) use of lumber by civilians, railways and municipalities would be rigidly controlled. Reports from British Columbia stated the June sawlog scale of 298 million feet board measure to be considerably below both the previous month's level and the June 1, 1941, figure. Continued sales of lumber to the United Kingdom market were reported by the Maritime Lumber Bureau, while reserve stocks were adequate.

IRON AND STEEL: Prices of iron and steel products held firm in August, and the index remained at 113.5 the same level as has obtained since May. Canadian steel manufacturing operations were maintained at capacity levels and July output of ingots and castings amounted to 256,560 tons, 2,397 tons over June, and 35,566 tons above July 1941. Pig iron production moved up to 172,153 tons against a June figure of 167,961 tons and a July 1941 output of 114,245 tons. There was a further tightening of the restrictions on the purchases of iron and steel products for other than war purposes. Regulations regarding the placing of orders for iron and steel were revised to release further stocks for war purposes.

NON-FERROUS METALS: There has been no change in the composite index for non-ferrous metals since February, the index remaining at 78.4 from February through August. Among sub-groups a fractional decline in tin ingots lowered the index for this series 0.6 points to 95.6 between July and August. According to the Department of Munitions and Supply, domestic tin consumption was currently 40 p.c. below pre-war levels with civilian consumption, at approximately 50 tons per month, showing a drop of 75 p.c.

NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS: There was no change in the index for non-metallic minerals and their products which remained at 100.0 in August. As a result of the growing shortage of oil, August 31 was set as the deadline for switching over from oil to some other fuel in heating and steam producing plants of commercial, industrial, and institutional buildings throughout Canada. Exceptions were permitted only under special permit. Private dwellings were not affected by this order, but restrictions were placed upon the installation and use of equipment after September 1.

CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS: The index for chemicals and allied products moved up fractionally from 102.2 to 102.3 in August. A 4 p.c. gain in the price of calcium carbide, and a 1 p.c. advance in copper sulphate prices brought up the inorganic chemical index from 88.9 to 89.4. Due to higher prices for acetylene, the index for industrial gases rose 0.7 points to 83.7, between July and August.

Weekly Index Numbers of 30 Industrial Material Prices
(1926=100)

Month	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
August, 1942	94.3	94.4	94.3	94.4	-
July, 1942	95.0	94.7	94.8	94.7	94.6
June, 1942	94.8	94.9	94.9	95.0	-
May, 1942 .....(May 1)	93.6	93.5	93.8	94.0	94.1

Weekly Index Numbers of Canadian Farm Products
(1926=100)

Month	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
August, 1942	80.7	81.5	81.4	80.7	-
July, 1942	81.8	82.3	81.9	80.8	80.0
June, 1942	81.3	81.7	81.9	83.1	-
May, 1942 .....(May 1)	79.7	79.8	80.0	80.5	81.0

SUMMARY TABLES OF CANADIAN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

(1926=100)

	General Wholesale Price Index	Consumers' Goods	Producers' Goods	Building Materials	Raw and Partly Manufactured Goods	Fully and Chiefly Manufactured Goods	Canadian Farm Products			Industrial Materials	Thirteen Sensitive Materials
							Field	Animal	Total		
1913	64.0	62.0	67.7	67.0	63.8	64.8	56.4	77.0	64.1	-	-
1920	155.9	136.1	164.3	144.0	154.1	156.5	166.5	150.8	160.6	-	-
1929	95.6	94.7	96.1	99.0	97.5	93.0	93.8	112.5	100.8	91.8	87.2
1933	67.1	71.1	63.1	78.3	56.6	70.2	45.8	59.7	51.0	54.1	43.8
1939	75.4	75.9	70.4	89.7	67.4	75.3	54.2	81.2	64.3	69.0	57.0
1940	82.9	83.4	78.7	95.6	75.3	81.5	56.0	85.8	67.1	79.0	65.9
1941	90.0	91.1	83.6	107.3	81.8	88.8	56.5	95.9	71.2	87.3	75.0
1939 August	72.3	72.7	66.7	90.2	62.8	72.6	48.2	75.4	58.4	65.3	52.9
1940											
July	82.6	83.7	77.7	95.3	74.9	80.7	52.8	83.9	64.4	78.7	64.8
August	82.6	83.5	77.9	96.7	73.8	81.3	50.4	83.3	62.7	78.1	63.9
September	83.0	84.0	78.3	97.6	74.4	81.6	50.7	85.8	63.8	78.2	63.1
October	83.3	84.1	78.4	98.0	74.8	81.8	51.1	87.3	64.6	78.8	64.0
November	84.0	84.8	78.8	98.2	76.1	82.4	52.5	91.0	66.9	79.8	66.0
December	84.2	85.2	79.1	98.0	76.2	83.0	52.5	91.6	67.1	79.1	64.7
1941											
January	84.8	85.5	79.8	99.1	76.6	83.4	53.6	90.0	67.2	80.1	65.7
February	85.4	85.7	80.5	100.2	77.7	83.8	54.4	91.6	68.3	81.2	66.9
March	86.0	86.2	81.3	100.6	78.9	84.3	55.6	91.8	69.1	82.3	68.6
April	86.8	87.1	81.6	100.9	79.3	85.4	55.9	92.2	69.5	83.4	70.8
May	88.8	88.8	83.5	107.7	80.8	87.2	55.5	93.3	69.6	86.5	73.6
June	90.1	90.6	84.2	108.4	81.8	88.9	57.1	94.3	71.0	88.0	75.4
July	91.3	92.1	84.6	109.8	82.5	90.4	57.1	96.1	71.7	89.3	77.6
August	92.1	93.5	84.6	111.5	83.5	91.0	56.7	97.9	72.1	90.3	79.7
September	93.4	95.4	85.6	112.1	84.7	92.5	57.6	99.6	73.3	91.5	80.5
October	94.0	96.6	85.8	112.0	85.4	93.1	57.9	101.1	74.1	91.3	80.6
November	94.0	96.7	85.4	112.0	85.4	93.1	57.4	102.0	74.1	91.0	80.4
December	93.6	95.3	85.8	112.8	85.7	92.1	59.2	100.5	74.6	91.7	80.4
1942											
January	94.3	95.3	86.8	113.1	87.2	92.0	62.8	101.5	77.3	92.4	80.4
February	94.6	94.9	87.2	113.3	87.8	91.7	64.3	102.1	78.4	93.2	80.8
March	95.1	95.4	87.4	114.2	88.4	92.1	64.6	102.7	78.8	93.3	80.9
April	95.0	95.1	87.7	114.4	88.6	91.9	65.0	103.7	79.5	93.5	80.9
May	95.2	95.1	88.3	114.4	89.4	91.6	65.5	104.8	80.2	94.2	81.5
June	95.8	96.0	88.7	114.2	90.5	91.5	66.3	107.0	81.5	94.8	81.6
July	96.1	96.6	88.0	113.8	90.4	91.9	67.7	103.6	81.1	94.6	82.0
August	95.6	95.3	88.7	113.8	89.7	91.8	68.2	102.9	81.2	94.3	81.8

COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Note: Wholesale price indexes appearing in this bulletin are subject to revision.

	Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1941	August 1941	June 1942	July 1942	August 1942
	Total Index	526	90.0	92.1	95.8	96.1	95.6
I.	Vegetable Products	123	77.0	77.7	84.4	86.0	85.1
	Fruits	14	88.6	94.7	103.9	107.3	111.1
	Fresh	4	91.8	98.8	111.0	115.4	120.5
	Dried	4	82.2	82.2	91.7	92.2	92.2
	Canned	6	75.5	82.3	73.5	73.5	73.5
	Grains	22	56.2	55.9	62.5	62.2	66.1
	Flour and Milled Products	12	76.7	73.8	75.3	79.2	78.5
	Bakery Products	2	86.3	86.8	86.8	86.8	86.8
	Vegetable Oils	4	109.8	121.8	132.4	132.2	132.2
	Rubber and Its Products	7	74.2	75.8	75.7	75.7	75.7
	Sugar and Its Products and Glucose	8	115.9	120.3	120.6	120.6	120.6
	Tea, Coffee, Cocoa and Spices	13	109.1	111.2	122.7	122.7	122.7
	Vegetables	13	66.1	68.7	103.6	121.3	86.4
II.	Animals and Their Products	75	92.1	97.0	102.3	101.1	99.5
	Fishery Products	16	92.9	93.8	111.6	110.4	108.1
	Furs	9	80.5	78.0	81.9	74.5	74.5
	Hides and Skins	6	110.3	105.6	95.9	100.9	100.3
	Leather, Unmanufactured	9	106.3	109.3	111.9	111.9	111.9
	Boots and Shoes	2	103.5	104.7	105.3	105.3	105.3
	Live Stock	4	110.0	114.6	149.5	132.5	126.6
	Meats and Poultry	9	94.9	101.2	112.9	111.4	106.4
	Milk and Its Products	12	93.2	97.7	95.7	95.7	95.8
	Fats	5	63.3	78.0	75.0	73.6	73.1
	Eggs	3	70.8	79.8	75.2	78.6	83.8
III.	Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	64	91.0	94.0	92.0	91.9	91.9
	Cotton, Raw	2	98.4	113.7	119.0	119.0	119.0
	Cotton Fabrics	19	87.8	91.3	82.5	82.5	82.5
	Knit Goods	3	95.4	98.0	101.3	101.3	98.9
	Flax, Hemp and Jute Products	6	86.0	90.7	90.9	90.9	92.2
	Rayon and Silk Hosiery	1	70.2	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1
	Rayon Fabrics	2	69.0	69.0	67.2	67.2	67.2
	Artificial Silk Products	2	49.0	48.9	49.0	49.0	49.0
	Wool, Raw	3	95.0	96.4	94.7	94.7	94.7
	Wool Hosiery and Knit Goods	5	108.2	108.8	108.8	108.8	108.8
	Wool Cloth	6	104.5	105.5	105.2	105.2	105.2
IV.	Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	96.0	98.5	101.8	101.5	101.5
	Newsprint and Wrapping Paper	2	74.0	74.0	74.0	74.0	74.0
	Lumber	33	120.6	127.6	132.6	131.7	131.7
	Pulp	3	108.9	108.9	119.0	119.0	119.0
	Furniture	10	99.1	101.7	104.7	104.7	104.7
V.	Iron and Its Products	44	111.3	112.6	115.3	115.3	115.3
	Pig Iron and Steel Billets	3	101.7	101.7	104.8	104.8	104.8
	Rolling Mill Products	14	115.0	117.0	121.3	121.3	121.3
	Hardware	16	92.5	92.9	93.9	93.9	93.9
	Wire	3	99.3	100.4	100.4	100.4	100.4
	Scrap	5	112.3	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9
VI.	Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	19	78.0	78.2	78.4	78.4	78.4
	Brass and Copper Products	5	86.3	86.6	86.7	86.7	86.7
	Lead and Its Products	2	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1
	Tin Ingots	2	91.1	92.4	96.2	96.2	95.6
	Zinc and Its Products	2	59.1	59.2	59.1	59.1	59.1
	Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products (V and VI above)	61	100.2	101.1	103.0	103.0	103.0

COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1941	August 1941	June 1942	July 1942	August 1942
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	81	95.6	97.6	99.9	100.0	100.0
Clay and Allied Material Products	10	93.7	96.3	94.2	96.3	96.3
Coal	13	108.3	109.5	113.7	113.7	113.7
Coke	4	121.8	122.0	122.5	122.5	122.5
Manufactured Gas	3	103.4	103.5	103.5	103.5	103.5
Glass and Its Products	6	102.8	104.4	104.4	104.4	104.4
Petroleum Products	5	78.9	82.5	85.1	85.1	85.1
Asphalt	2	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3
Salt	4	123.6	130.6	130.6	130.6	130.6
Lime	4	108.4	111.8	112.2	112.2	112.2
Cement	1	104.1	106.5	106.5	106.5	106.5
Sand and Gravel	8	87.6	87.3	89.6	87.3	87.3
Crushed Stone	3	78.5	78.0	80.3	80.3	80.3
Building Stone	3	68.4	70.8	70.8	70.8	70.8
Asbestos	8	74.1	74.1	74.1	74.1	74.1
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	73	98.9	100.8	102.2	102.2	102.3
Inorganic Chemicals	22	89.2	87.7	88.8	88.9	89.4
Organic Chemicals	5	86.0	88.0	90.4	90.4	90.4
Coal Tar Products	2	90.7	91.1	91.1	91.1	91.1
Dyeing and Tanning Materials	10	131.4	136.4	136.4	136.4	136.4
Explosives	2	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1
Paints, Prepared	1	79.7	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5
Drugs and Pharmaceutical Chemicals	8	162.6	170.4	176.0	176.0	176.0
Fertilizers	10	87.9	88.1	88.1	88.1	88.1
Industrial Gases	2	85.1	85.4	82.8	83.0	83.7

PURPOSE CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

I. CONSUMERS' GOODS (Groups A and B)	215	91.1	93.6	96.0	96.6	95.3
A. Foods, Beverages and Tobacco	118	89.5	92.9	98.6	100.2	97.2
Beverages	8	112.9	114.8	125.8	125.8	125.8
Flour and Milled Products	12	76.7	73.8	75.3	79.2	78.5
Bakery Products	2	86.3	86.8	86.8	86.8	86.8
Fish	16	92.9	93.8	111.6	110.4	108.1
Fruits	14	88.6	94.7	103.9	107.3	111.1
Meats and Poultry	9	94.9	101.2	112.9	111.4	106.4
Milk and Milk Products	12	93.2	97.7	95.7	95.7	95.8
Sugar and Its Products	8	115.9	120.3	120.6	120.6	120.6
Vegetables	13	66.1	68.7	103.6	121.3	86.4
Eggs	3	70.8	79.8	75.2	78.6	83.8
Tobacco	7	41.9	41.8	45.7	45.7	45.7
B. Other Consumers' Goods	97	92.2	94.0	94.2	94.2	94.1
Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Rubbers, Hosiery and Underwear	48	91.4	93.2	90.9	90.9	90.7
Household Equipment and Supplies	49	92.9	94.6	96.7	96.7	96.7
II. PRODUCERS' GOODS (Groups C and D)	377	83.6	84.6	88.7	88.0	88.7
C. Producers' Equipment	24	105.7	107.1	110.4	110.4	110.5
Tools	3	93.7	93.2	98.1	98.1	98.1
Light, Heat and Power Equipment and Supplies	17	106.9	108.4	111.9	111.9	112.0
Explosives	2	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1
Miscellaneous	2	100.8	100.8	100.8	100.8	100.8

PURPOSE CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1941	August 1941	June 1942	July 1942	August 1942
D. Producers' Materials	353	81.1	82.1	86.3	85.5	86.3
Building and Construction Materials	110	107.3	111.6	114.2	113.8	113.8
*Lumber	33	120.6	127.6	132.6	131.7	131.7
Paint	12	82.3	84.6	86.6	86.6	86.6
Miscellaneous	65	100.8	102.9	103.4	103.5	103.5
Manufacturers' Materials	243	76.6	77.1	81.6	80.7	81.6
Textiles and Clothing	46	88.2	90.8	86.8	86.7	86.9
Furs and Leather Goods	24	98.0	98.0	99.3	97.5	97.4
For Metal Working Industries	40	85.1	85.6	86.4	86.4	86.4
For Chemical Using Industries	42	96.5	97.0	97.8	98.6	98.9
For Meat Packing Industries	4	110.0	114.6	149.5	132.5	126.6
For Milling and Other Industries	22	56.2	55.9	62.5	62.2	66.1
Miscellaneous Producers' Materials	65	78.8	78.6	81.3	82.0	81.7

ORIGIN CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Total Raw and Partly Manufactured	223	81.8	83.5	90.5	90.4	89.7
Total Fully and Chiefly Manufactured	302	88.8	91.0	91.5	91.9	91.8
I. Articles of Farm Origin (Domestic and Foreign)						
A. Field						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	84	63.2	64.1	73.4	74.2	73.7
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured	83	86.8	88.1	88.0	89.0	88.8
(c) Total	167	75.9	77.0	81.3	82.2	81.8
B. Animal						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	36	95.0	97.4	103.6	102.0	100.0
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured	54	89.0	93.9	93.4	93.5	93.6
(c) Total	90	91.6	95.4	97.8	97.2	96.4
C. Canadian Farm Products						
(1) Field	50	56.5	56.7	66.3	67.7	68.2
(2) Animal	18	95.9	97.9	107.0	103.6	102.9
(3) Total	68	71.2	72.1	81.5	81.1	81.2
II. Articles of Marine Origin						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	7	79.6	80.2	103.9	105.6	99.2
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured	9	96.8	98.8	116.7	113.6	113.6
(c) Total	16	92.1	93.8	113.2	111.4	109.7
III. Articles of Forest Origin						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	37	117.1	121.9	128.5	127.8	127.8
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured	20	76.9	77.3	77.6	77.6	77.6
(c) Total	57	95.6	98.1	101.3	101.0	101.0
IV. Articles of Mineral Origin						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	59	92.6	93.2	95.1	95.2	95.2
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured	136	98.0	100.0	101.5	101.5	101.5
(c) Total	195	95.6	96.9	98.6	98.7	98.7

* Includes both domestic and export prices.

WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES
(All Prices given in Canadian Funds)

Commodity		Yearly Average 1941	August 1941	June 1942	July 1942	August 1942
OATS, No. 2 C.W.		$	$	$	$	$
Ft. William and Pt.Arthur cash basis	Bush.	.408	.453	.515	.513	.461
WHEAT, No.1 Man. Northern Ft. William and Pt.Arthur cash basis	Bush.	.747	.733	.800	.808	.889
FLOUR, First Patent, 2-98's Cotton, Toronto		5.529	5.030	5.050	5.050	5.050
SUGAR, Granulated, Montreal	Cwt.	6.643	6.893	6.893	6.893	6.893
RUBBER, Ceylon, ribbed, smoked sheets, f.o.b. New York	Lb.	.273	.283	.275	.275	.275
LINSEED OIL, Raw, Montreal	Gal.	.834	.820	.900	.900	.900
CATTLE, Steers, good up to 1050 lbs. Toronto	Cwt.	8.694	8.790	12.440	10.630	9.840
HOGS, BI, Dressed, Toronto	Cwt.	13.240	14.620	15.490	15.850	16.110
BEEF HIDES, Packer Hides Native Steers, Toronto	Lb.	.149	.150	.150	.150	.150
LEATHER, Packer crops, No. 1 and II, F.o.b. Distributing points	Lb.	.474	.480	.480	.480	.480
BOX SIDES D, f.o.b. Ont. factory	Ft.	.225	.240	.240	.240	.240
BUTTER, Creamery prints, first grade Montreal	Lb.	.348	.379	.358	.358	.361
CHEESE, Canada, old, large Montreal	Lb.	.271	.266	.340	.340	.340
EGGS, Grade "A" large Montreal	Doz.	.346	.394	.352	.368	.429
COTTON, raw 1" - 1 1/16" Hamilton	Lb.	.188	.216	.223	.223	.223
COTTON YARNS, 10's white single Hosiery cops, Mill	Lb.	.344	.380	.293	.293	.293
WOOL, eastern bright ¾ blood domestic, f.o.b. Ontario	Lb.	.310	.310	.310	.310	.310
WOOL, western range, semi-bright ½ blood, domestic f.o.b. Ontario	Lb.	.263	.280	.260	.260	.260
(A) Pulp, groundwood, No. 1 delivered, Eastern Continental Divide	Ton	44.000	44.000	50.600	50.600	50.600
STEEL, Merchant bars, mild Mill	100 Lbs.	2.686	2.754	2.754	2.754	2.754
PIG IRON, foundry No.1, f.o.b. Plant	Gross Ton	25.500	25.500	25.500	25.500	25.500
COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic Montreal	Cwt.	11.500	11.560	11.500	11.500	11.500
LEAD, domestic, f.o.b. carlots Montreal	Cwt.	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000
TIN INGOTS, Straits, f.o.b. Toronto	Lb.	.618	.629	.620	.620	.620
ZINC, domestic, f.o.b. carlots Montreal	Cwt.	5.150	5.150	5.150	5.150	5.150
COAL, Anthracite, Toronto f.o.b. carlots	Ton	12.138	12.316	12.553	12.553	12.553
COAL, Bituminous, N.S. run-of-mine	Ton	5.650	5.700	5.700	5.700	5.700
(B) GASOLENE, Standard Toronto	Gal.	.193	.205	.215	.215	.215
SULPHURIC ACID 66° Baume f.o.b. works	Net Ton	17.250	17.000	18.000	18.000	18.000

(A) Groundwood Pulp delivered to consumers' Mills, east of Continental Divide, (exclusive of Denver).

(B) 1942 - Federal Tax included

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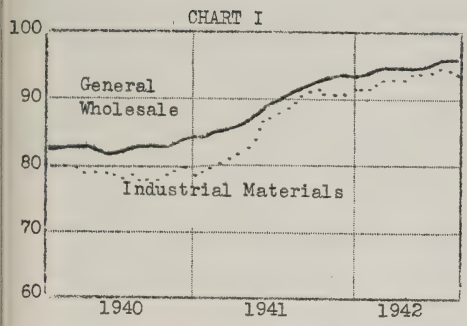

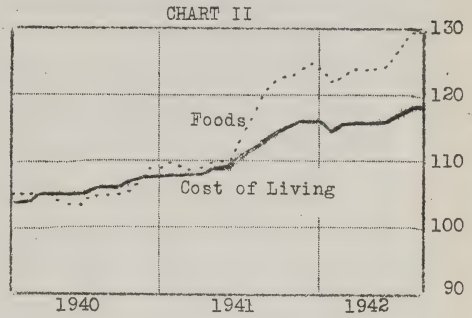

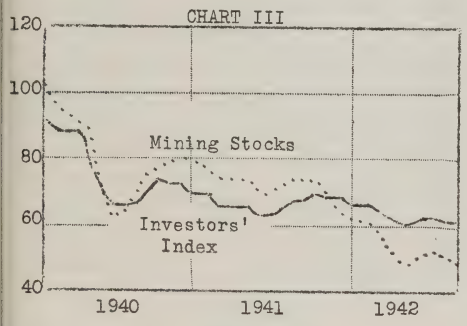

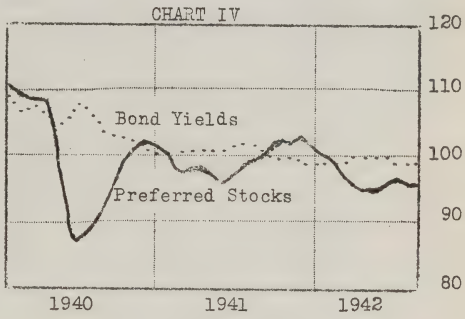

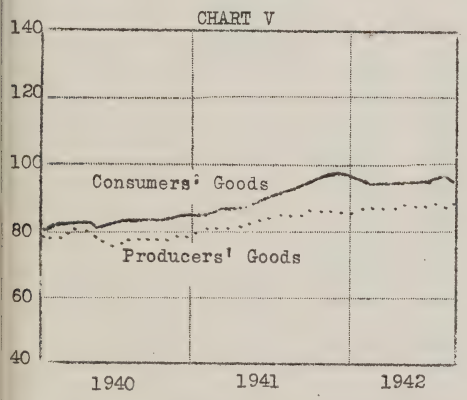

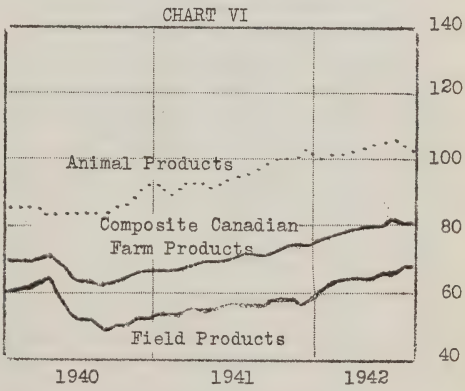

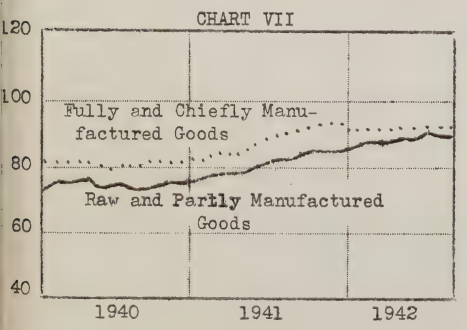

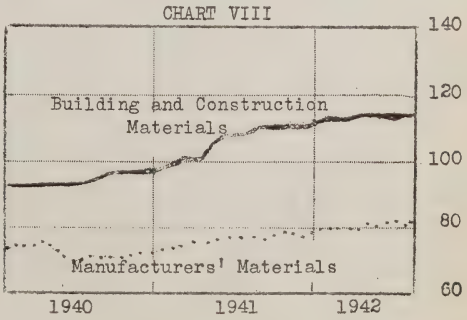

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS IN CANADA, AUGUST 1, 1942.

(Calculations based on prices for the first business day of each month)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of Canadian living costs on the base 1935-1939=100 fell from 117.9 in July to 117.7 in August. The index on August 1st was 16.8 per cent above the August 1, 1939, level.

An index for 46 food items moved down from 130.3 to 129.6, declines for meats and vegetables influencing the index more than advances for eggs and fruits. Dry groceries also showed a fractional gain while dairy products and cereals remained unchanged.

Advances in women's wear carried the clothing index up from 120.0 to 120.1.

The home furnishings and services index dropped from 117.9 to 117.8, following a small decrease in cleaning supplies. Indexes for other groups were unchanged as follows: Rent 111.3, fuel and light 112.5 and miscellaneous items 107.1.

An index for retail prices alone declined from 123.9 to 123.5.

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS, 1913-AUGUST 1, 1942.

(1935-1939=100)

	Percentage Increase Since Aug.1,1939	Total Index	Food Index	Rent Index	Fuel and Light-ing Index	Cloth-ing Index	Home Furnishings and Miscellaneous Index	Retail Prices Index (Commodities only)
1913		79.7	88.3	74.3	76.9	88.0	70.3	-
1914		80.0	91.9	72.1	75.4	88.9	70.3	-
1917		104.5	133.3	75.8	83.8	130.3	81.5	-
1918		118.3	152.8	80.2	92.2	152.3	91.4	-
1920		150.5	188.1	100.2	119.9	213.1	110.3	-
1926		121.8	133.3	115.9	116.8	139.1	106.1	-
1929		121.7	134.7	119.7	112.6	134.8	105.0	-
1930		120.8	131.5	122.7	111.8	130.6	105.4	-
1934		95.6	92.7	93.2	102.1	97.1	97.8	-
							Home furnishings and Services Index	Miscellaneous Index
1935		96.2	94.6	94.0	100.9	97.6	95.4	98.7	95.9
1936		98.1	97.8	96.1	101.5	99.3	97.2	99.1	98.1
1937		101.2	103.2	99.7	98.9	101.4	101.5	100.1	102.0
1938		102.2	103.8	103.1	97.7	100.9	102.4	101.2	102.8
1939		101.5	100.6	103.8	101.2	100.7	101.4	101.4	101.0
1940		105.6	105.6	106.3	107.1	109.2	107.2	102.3	106.6
1941	10.8	111.7	116.1	109.4	110.3	116.1	113.8	105.1	114.9
1939 Aug. 1		100.8	99.3	103.8	99.0	100.1	100.9	101.3	100.0
July 2	11.0	111.9	116.6	109.7	110.5	115.1	113.0	105.6	114.9
Aug. 1	12.8	113.7	121.3	109.7	110.5	115.7	114.3	106.1	117.7
Sept.2	13.8	114.7	123.3	109.7	110.9	117.4	115.8	106.4	119.4
Oct. 1	14.6	115.5	123.2	111.2	112.1	119.6	117.3	106.5	120.1
Nov. 1	15.4	116.3	125.4	111.2	112.7	120.0	117.9	106.7	121.4
Dec. 1	14.9	115.8	123.8	111.2	112.7	119.9	117.9	106.7	120.6
1942 Jan. 2	14.5	115.4	122.3	111.2	112.9	119.9	118.0	106.8	119.9
Feb. 2	14.8	115.7	123.1	111.2	112.9	119.8	118.0	107.1	120.3
Mar. 2	15.0	115.9	123.7	111.2	112.9	119.8	118.0	107.1	120.6
Apr. 1	15.0	115.9	123.7	111.2	112.9	119.8	118.1	107.1	120.6
May 1	15.2	116.1	124.3	111.3	112.9	119.9	118.0	107.1	120.9
June 1	15.8	116.7	126.2	111.3	112.6	119.9	117.9	107.1	121.8
July 2	17.0	117.9	130.3	111.3	112.5	120.0	117.9	107.1	123.9
Aug. 1	16.8	117.7	129.6	111.3	112.5	120.1	117.8	107.1	123.5

* By Order-in-Council P.C.5963 as amended, prices of cigarettes and tobacco used in the index for purposes of computing cost-of-living bonuses do not include the tax imposed on June 24, 1942 by the Special War Revenue Act. Since indirect taxes of this kind previously have been included in the index, an August figure reflecting the new tax has been computed to maintain continuity with preceding calculations. This index is 118.0.

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS IN EIGHT REGIONAL CITIES
(August 1939=100)

	Halifax	Saint John	Montreal	Toronto	Winnipeg	Saskatoon	Edmonton	Vancouver
				General Cost of Living				
1941								
December	113.1	114.5	116.8	114.5	113.1	116.4	111.4	112.4
1942								
February	113.5	115.2	117.1	114.5	112.4	115.7	110.9	112.1
April	113.5	115.1	117.4	114.7	112.6	116.1	111.1	112.2
June	114.0	115.4	118.2	115.5	113.1	116.2	112.0	113.1
August	115.8	117.2	118.7	116.2	115.0	117.5	114.1	115.0
				Foods				
1941								
December	126.4	122.5	126.5	123.5	124.1	127.1	121.1	124.1
1942								
February	127.3	124.1	127.1	123.2	121.7	124.9	119.4	122.8
April	127.3	123.9	128.0	123.9	122.4	126.2	119.7	123.3
June	129.0	124.9	130.7	126.7	124.1	126.5	123.0	126.0
August	135.1	130.1	132.3	129.0	129.9	130.7	130.2	131.9
				Rent				
1941								
December	104.2	107.3	108.3	108.5	104.4	113.1	100.0	99.4
1942								
February	104.2	107.3	108.3	108.5	104.4	113.1	100.0	99.4
April	104.2	107.3	108.3	108.5	104.4	113.1	100.0	99.4
June	104.2	107.3	108.3	108.5	104.4	113.1	100.0	99.4
August	104.2	107.3	108.3	108.5	104.4	113.1	100.0	99.4
				Fuel and Lighting				
1941								
December	105.9	109.5	116.3	117.7	107.1	107.0	99.4	111.5
1942								
February	105.9	109.5	116.3	117.7	107.1	107.0	99.4	111.5
April	105.9	109.5	116.3	117.7	107.1	107.0	99.4	111.5
June	105.9	109.5	114.8	117.7	107.1	107.0	99.4	111.5
August	105.9	109.5	114.8	117.7	107.1	107.0	99.4	111.5
				Clothing				
1941								
December	116.1	120.8	123.1	117.3	117.1	119.9	122.9	118.8
1942								
February	116.1	120.7	123.1	117.2	116.8	119.2	122.7	118.9
April	116.1	120.8	123.2	117.3	116.8	119.2	122.9	118.6
June	116.1	120.8	123.2	117.3	116.8	119.2	123.0	118.6
August	116.3	120.9	123.2	117.5	116.8	119.3	123.2	119.8
				Home Furnishings and Services				
1941								
December	114.5	115.9	117.5	114.1	115.3	120.2	117.0	113.1
1942								
February	114.7	116.1	117.5	114.1	115.7	120.1	117.1	113.1
April	114.7	116.1	117.6	114.2	115.6	120.1	117.2	112.8
June	114.7	116.0	117.6	114.0	115.6	119.9	117.0	113.1
August	114.7	116.0	117.6	114.1	115.7	119.7	117.1	113.0
				Miscellaneous				
1941								
December	105.3	107.0	104.6	106.9	105.3	104.7	104.7	104.9
1942								
February	105.7	107.6	105.1	107.3	105.6	105.0	104.9	105.2
April	105.7	107.6	105.1	107.3	105.6	105.0	104.9	105.2
June	105.7	107.6	105.1	107.3	105.6	105.0	104.9	105.2
August	105.7	107.7	105.1	107.3	105.6	105.1	104.9	105.3

CITY COST OF LIVING INDEX NUMBERS, AUGUST 1, 1942.

Increases ranging from 0.5 points to 2.1 points occurred in the eight regional city cost-of-living index numbers of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics between June 1 and August 1, 1942. Foods were mainly responsible for the latest rise, with city food indexes for August 1 being from 29.0 per cent to 35.1 per cent above pre-war levels. Clothing indexes moved up slightly in most areas, while small increases occurred in the home furnishings indexes for Toronto, Winnipeg and Edmonton. Saskatoon and Vancouver furnishings indexes moved slightly lower while those for Halifax, St.John and Montreal remained unchanged.

INVESTORS' INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCK PRICES

Price movements on Canadian common stock markets were mixed during August and resulted in a minor rise of 0.2 p.c. to 61.5 for the composite index between the weeks ended July 30 and September 3. Net changes were not as substantial as in July. The greatest increases were recorded by the oils which advanced 4.3 p.c. to 48.4; textile and clothing shares rose 1.2 p.c. to 98.3 and beverages 1.0 p.c. to 96.9. Heading the declines were the pulp and paper issues, down 4.4 p.c. to 54.7 followed by milling stocks off 3.1 p.c. to 59.7, building materials 2.8 p.c. to 71.8 and foods 1.1 p.c. to 75.2. Bank listings continued to display marked weakness, the index declining 7.7 p.c. from 75.6 on July 30 to 69.8 on September 3. The Bureau's monthly average price index for 95 common stocks moved lower from 62.4 in July to 61.6 in August. Industrials fell 0.1 points to 58.5, utilities remained unchanged at 67.8, while banks showed a sharp drop of 9.8 points to 71.9.

MINING STOCK PRICES

Price averages for gold and base metal issues showed further recession during August and a weekly price index of twenty-five mining stocks declined from 49.8 on July 30 to 49.0 on September 3, for a net loss of 1.6 p.c. At this level the general price index of mining shares was 2.3 p.c. above its low point of 47.9 for the week ended April 16. Monthly indexes were 38.0 for golds and 72.3 for base metals compared with 39.3 and 73.3 respectively, for July. Appearing below is a table of average prices for the weeks of September 3 and July 30, 1942, as compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

GOLDS

	Sept.3 $	July 30 $		Sept.3 $	July 30 $
Beattie	.55	-	Little Long Lac	.65	.81
Bralorne	6.00	6.05	Macassa	1.75	2.04
Buffalo-Ankerite	1.16	1.20	McIntyre	39.00	39.00
Cariboo Gold Quartz..	.85	-	Pickle Crow	1.53	1.63
Central Patricia	.71	.75	Pioneer	1.12	1.30
Dome	14.00	13.25	San Antonio	1.34	1.50
God's Lake	.12	.095	Siscoe	.32	.34
Hollinger	7.20	7.25	Sylvanite	1.25	-
Kirkland Lake	.42	.41	Teck-Hughes	1.49	1.65
Lake Shore	7.80	8.00	Uchi	.042	-
Lamaque Gold Mines ..	3.60	3.55	Wright-Hargreaves	1.95	2.05
			BASE METALS		
Falconbridge	2.40	2.40	Noranda	43.00	42.87
Hudson Bay	22.00	22.87			

PREFERRED STOCKS

The Bureau's preferred stock price index was up 0.1 p.c. to 95.8 between July and August. This index compared with 100.0 in August, 1941. Gains were made by the oils group which advanced 6.4 p.c. followed by textiles up 1.0 p.c. above July averages. Machinery and equipment issues showed fractional increases while tobacco stocks remained unchanged. Declines were recorded by the pulp and paper group, down 3.6 p.c., power issues, 1.3 p.c. and foods 1.2 p.c. Other losses were fractional.

INDEX NUMBERS OF 30 PREFERRED STOCK PRICES, 1935-1942
(1935-1939=100)

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1935	88.7	89.0	85.9	83.5	82.5	82.5	84.0	85.5	83.5	83.8	87.5	89.0
1936	90.3	83.1	92.0	91.7	90.0	91.9	95.9	97.2	101.1	104.7	109.9	113.3
1937	119.7	121.1	133.8	124.4	120.9	119.8	119.9	122.4	109.8	99.2	98.9	97.7
1938	100.6	99.0	93.5	94.3	96.6	98.7	105.2	104.7	98.1	106.2	105.5	104.8
1939	102.5	101.8	101.2	95.2	95.3	98.8	100.1	97.7	100.5	107.4	108.7	110.1
1940	110.7	109.7	108.8	108.9	96.7	86.9	89.0	93.9	99.1	100.7	103.0	101.7
1941	101.4	97.6	98.7	97.9	96.3	96.8	98.5	100.0	103.2	102.2	102.6	100.7
1942	99.6	96.8	95.6	94.5	95.4	96.5	95.7	95.8				

INVESTORS' MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCKS

(1935-39=100)

Number of Securities 1942	GENERAL	INDUSTRIALS										UTILITIES				BANKS
	Total 95	Total 68	Machinery and Equipment 8	Pulp and Paper 7	Milling 3	Oils 4	Textiles and Clothing 10	Food and Allied Products 12	Beverages 7	Building Materials 15	Industrial Mines 2	Total 19	Transportation 2	Telephone Telegraph 2	Power and Traction 15	Total 8
1940 - January	90.9	89.1	107.4	122.0	116.5	78.2	128.0	113.9	107.9	108.3	92.2	90.7	69.9	107.4	92.3	103.3
February	90.2	88.6	103.8	116.5	116.0	79.4	134.4	114.8	106.8	105.5	90.2	89.9	71.2	107.1	90.8	103.0
March	90.3	87.5	107.2	114.0	113.7	78.0	135.4	115.6	107.9	105.3	88.3	93.4	84.0	107.7	92.0	104.0
April	88.4	85.1	105.9	122.4	113.0	74.1	135.7	115.0	109.9	105.2	84.9	93.4	82.7	106.1	93.2	102.4
May	73.3	69.2	82.0	81.1	91.5	62.6	119.3	102.7	94.0	83.2	65.0	78.2	57.1	99.3	78.3	97.4
June	65.5	61.2	74.5	65.2	74.1	50.3	104.2	89.7	85.2	74.3	62.7	71.0	47.3	95.6	70.8	91.3
July	66.1	62.6	73.5	69.2	79.1	50.8	110.4	90.8	91.0	73.5	65.8	70.4	49.0	91.4	70.9	85.5
August	69.3	65.8	78.7	76.2	80.6	52.4	114.0	93.5	95.9	77.5	71.2	73.6	55.0	95.3	73.2	88.1
September	75.8	73.1	85.5	82.1	95.5	60.7	121.4	101.6	99.5	87.0	77.4	78.0	60.1	99.5	77.2	92.9
October	74.2	71.3	84.0	80.1	93.5	56.2	120.8	101.4	99.5	88.9	77.7	77.0	55.4	100.2	76.9	91.9
November	74.5	71.3	86.0	82.6	81.4	54.5	121.5	100.7	105.8	91.2	77.8	78.2	62.2	101.4	76.2	92.7
December	70.3	65.9	78.6	76.7	75.2	48.7	116.8	99.6	106.5	87.6	71.4	76.4	55.8	101.3	75.6	94.6
1941 - January	71.3	66.9	77.6	74.1	72.3	51.6	110.6	96.8	104.3	84.0	73.2	77.3	60.9	101.2	75.4	94.7
February	66.5	62.3	72.9	63.8	69.5	48.7	105.0	90.1	96.6	77.3	67.3	71.3	51.6	100.2	68.8	90.9
March	66.8	63.1	73.6	65.4	69.5	49.5	103.1	87.9	93.7	78.5	69.0	70.7	55.7	99.2	67.0	89.9
April	65.8	62.3	73.2	63.9	68.6	49.4	101.3	88.6	88.1	77.8	67.8	68.2	57.3	97.8	62.2	89.7
May	63.9	60.7	71.8	59.7	63.4	51.3	97.4	88.6	82.8	74.4	62.6	65.2	54.8	91.6	60.3	88.3
June	64.0	60.3	72.0	59.5	67.5	48.0	101.1	90.1	87.3	74.9	64.2	67.1	58.9	92.0	62.0	89.0
July	67.5	64.0	76.3	66.1	67.5	48.4	105.7	90.5	94.3	77.8	72.3	70.6	65.8	93.0	65.3	89.7
August	67.8	64.4	76.8	70.2	72.4	49.1	106.3	91.8	95.7	79.7	71.5	71.2	70.0	94.6	64.4	89.7
September	71.0	67.5	80.5	78.5	75.1	51.3	108.4	93.3	102.4	82.4	75.8	74.7	70.3	98.6	68.8	91.2
October	69.1	65.5	78.3	75.5	74.5	51.2	105.7	91.9	98.7	78.9	71.7	72.5	65.7	96.8	67.2	90.8
November	68.8	65.3	78.2	76.4	74.9	52.9	110.0	91.0	102.6	77.8	68.9	71.1	65.2	95.3	65.5	91.7
December	67.2	63.9	75.5	72.9	72.2	49.0	110.4	91.4	104.8	75.5	69.7	68.7	60.4	95.9	63.0	90.5
1942 - January	66.8	62.9	74.3	71.9	74.5	45.9	112.8	88.7	99.2	75.1	71.9	70.4	64.5	95.5	64.4	91.1
February	64.7	60.8	73.4	69.3	69.7	43.6	108.7	85.5	96.3	73.9	70.1	67.7	60.5	93.5	62.1	91.1
March	62.3	57.8	69.7	66.1	70.9	41.2	104.3	75.8	92.8	74.0	67.3	67.5	59.4	93.5	62.0	89.4
April	61.1	56.6	70.6	63.2	69.6	41.4	102.4	74.2	93.1	73.9	64.2	66.3	60.6	91.9	60.2	88.4
May	62.0	57.9	74.7	61.1	70.5	43.2	104.3	73.5	94.2	75.7	65.2	66.4	59.6	92.0	60.7	87.4
June	62.8	58.4	76.2	61.1	69.6	44.5	106.6	73.9	93.6	76.8	64.9	68.1	56.6	92.3	64.3	87.7
July	62.4	58.6	76.6	58.9	65.3	46.6	100.4	75.9	95.5	75.3	62.7	67.8	58.4	86.5	65.2	81.7
August	61.6	58.5	76.0	56.0	61.2	47.5	97.7	75.3	98.3	73.1	61.9	67.8	58.8	80.8	66.9	71.9

INDEX NUMBERS OF TWENTY-FIVE MINING STOCKS
(1935-39=100)

No. of Stocks 1942		Golds 22	Base Metals 3	Total Index 25
x1929 ..	High	76.2	127.3	89.2
	Low	44.8	63.0	60.6
x1932 -	High	53.6	32.9	45.2
	Low	41.2	17.0	32.6
x1933 -	High	95.0	57.7	81.4
	Low	55.1	27.3	45.4
x1934 -	High	119.0	67.1	99.9
	Low	87.6	50.0	74.8
x1935 -	High	111.4	84.7	95.3
	Low	88.9	51.5	80.1
x1936 -	High	115.7	128.9	118.8
	Low	100.5	82.3	94.4
x1937 -	High	120.0	142.7	125.6
	Low	84.7	73.3	80.8
x1938 -	High	106.6	129.1	112.2
	Low	89.3	82.8	87.3
x1939 -	High	105.7	130.1	113.5
	Low	82.5	109.6	91.9
x1940 -	High	92.1	122.4	102.2
	Low	55.8	69.5	60.5
x1941 -	High	75.2	96.1	80.6
	Low	50.7	80.6	61.0
1940				
April		81.3	110.8	91.2
May		67.6	88.5	74.5
June		57.7	74.7	63.4
July		59.1	75.1	64.8
August		64.3	83.7	71.0
September		70.8	91.0	77.5
October		72.9	91.3	79.2
November		76.3	94.5	82.4
December		74.9	90.0	80.2
1941				
January		74.4	99.2	79.4
February		70.6	83.2	74.9
March		70.0	84.7	75.1
April		69.0	87.6	75.1
May		66.1	81.2	71.2
June		64.4	83.9	71.0
July		66.2	91.3	74.6
August		66.0	91.7	74.6
September		66.0	94.0	75.4
October		60.8	87.4	69.7
November		54.9	85.0	65.0
December		52.2	84.8	63.2
1942				
January		50.5	84.3	61.9
February		45.4	81.5	57.5
March		40.1	75.3	51.9
April		37.5	72.8	49.3
May		39.6	75.8	51.7
June		42.6	74.3	53.2
July		39.3	73.3	50.3
August		38.0	72.3	49.4
Weekly Index Numbers				
Week ending July	23rd	38.8	73.0	50.2
" " "	30th	38.5	72.4	49.8
" " Aug.	6th	38.4	72.6	49.8
" " "	13th	38.5	73.3	50.2
" " "	20th	38.1	71.7	49.3
" " "	27th	37.1	72.2	48.9
" " Sept.	3rd	37.7	71.6	49.0

x Weekly figures.

INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELDS

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index of Dominion of Canada long-term bond yields, on the base 1935-1939=100, moved from 98.7 for July to 99.0 for August. This compared with 101.2 for the corresponding month of 1941, and 104.3 for August 1940. The weekly index was unchanged at 99.0 for the week ending August 5, but declined 0.4 points in the following week. In the third week this loss was recovered, and a further increase to 99.3 for the week ending August 26 showed a net gain for the month of 0.3. Provincial bond prices were firmer with some of the western maturities showing advances up to 5.0 points. An index of Province of Ontario bond yields, compiled from information furnished by Wood, Gundy and Company, Limited, fell from 90.3* for July to 88.9 for August, and the average yield of the issues included in the index decreased from 3.18* to 3.13.

British Consols closed 5/8 higher at 83 3/8, while the Dow-Jones average of selected United States bonds rose from 89.28 to 89.92.

* Revised.

MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELDS, 1936-1942.
(1935-1939=100)

	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942
January	106.5	95.2	102.2	97.3	109.3	100.6	99.4
February	103.6	100.1	100.8	97.2	107.2	100.8	99.3
March	102.4	106.4	100.3	95.4	107.9	100.5	99.6
April	101.8	107.2	97.4	96.3	105.5	100.6	99.6
May	100.9	106.4	96.2	97.8	104.5	101.1	99.5
June	98.0	105.6	98.0	95.7	107.8	101.9	98.8
July	95.5	104.4	98.7	96.0	107.0	101.5	98.7
August	92.6	102.9	98.8	98.6	104.3	101.2	99.0
September	91.8	103.2	101.9	117.0	103.1	100.3	-
October	96.0	106.2	99.3	111.9	102.6	100.2	-
November	94.7	105.7	97.4	108.4	101.9	99.1	-
December	93.3	102.9	97.2	110.5	101.0	99.3	-

WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BONDS, 1942.

	Yields		Yields		Yields
June 3	99.0	July 8	98.6	August 5	99.0
" 10	99.0	" 15	98.6	" 12	98.6
" 17	98.6	" 22	98.6	" 19	99.0
" 24	98.6	" 29	99.0	" 26	99.3
" 30	99.0				

EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS AT MONTREAL, AUGUST 1939 AND 1940-1942.

Note: The noon rates in Canadian Funds upon which these averages are based have been supplied by the Bank of Canada

	New York Funds $	London Sterling $	(A) Argentine Peso (Paper) $	(A) Brazil Milreis $	India Rupee $
1939 - August	1.0047	4.6327	.2321	.0504	.3346
1940	*1.1050	*4.450	.2539	.0557	.3359
1941	1.1050	4.450	.2621	.0563	.3356
1942 - March	1.1050	4.450	.2627	.0571	.3359
April	1.1050	4.450	.2628	.0571	.3359
May	1.1050	4.450	.2618	.0571	.3359
June	1.1050	4.450	.2611	.0571	.3359
July	1.1050	4.450	.2622	.0571	.3359
August	1.1050	4.450	.2636	.0571	.3359

* Since September 16, 1939, quotations used are the average of the daily buying and selling rate of the Foreign Exchange Control Board. The current buying and selling rate for sterling is $4.43 and $4.47 and U.S. funds $1.10 and $1.11.

(A) Unofficial.

MONTHLY INDEXES OF AMERICAN STOCK PRICES, 1938-1941
(Issued by Standard and Poor's Trade Securities)
(1935-1939=100)

	Composite	Industrials	Railroads	Utilities
1938 - July	93.6	95.9	73.8	89.6
August	94.0	97.0	73.0	87.2
September	89.6	92.7	65.5	83.2
October	98.5	101.2	77.8	92.7
November	99.4	102.1	79.1	94.0
December	97.1	100.0	76.4	90.7
Year	88.2	90.1	69.5	85.6
1939 - January	97.0	98.7	79.0	94.9
February	95.1	96.0	74.3	97.9
March	96.0	96.6	77.7	99.6
April	85.0	85.1	63.9	92.5
May	98.4	88.3	67.0	96.8
June	89.9	89.9	67.5	98.1
July	91.8	91.8	69.2	100.1
August	90.7	90.4	66.8	101.1
September	99.7	101.3	82.4	98.4
October	100.7	101.8	87.2	100.4
November	98.9	99.6	82.8	101.8
December	97.0	97.6	78.4	101.3
Year	95.1	94.8	74.7	98.8
1940 - January	97.1	97.7	77.7	103.0
February	96.8	97.1	76.5	102.4
March	96.7	97.3	76.7	101.6
April	98.1	98.7	77.3	102.6
May	85.1	85.2	65.4	92.3
June	78.1	77.3	60.8	88.5
July	85.8	79.3	65.2	93.9
August	81.6	80.3	66.0	93.5
September	85.5	84.6	71.6	94.7
October	86.0	85.4	72.6	93.7
November	86.7	86.6	73.6	92.3
December	84.9	84.9	70.0	90.6
Year	88.5	87.9	71.1	95.8
1941 - January	85.0	84.7	73.4	91.1
February	80.1	79.4	70.0	87.1
March	80.3	79.6	70.6	87.1
April	77.9	77.3	71.2	83.1
May	77.1	77.3	70.7	78.9
June	79.5	79.7	70.9	81.6
July	83.2	84.2	73.8	81.8
August	83.2	84.3	74.4	81.0
September	83.6	84.8	72.6	81.3
October	80.4	81.6	70.3	78.5
November	77.4	78.6	68.4	74.5
December	71.8	73.8	61.0	66.2
1942 - January	72.6	74.3	69.0	66.1
February	69.9	71.0	68.4	64.5
March	66.0	67.2	65.0	60.5
April	63.3	64.8	61.1	56.5
May	63.2	64.7	60.3	67.2
June	66.1	68.2	59.0	58.8
July	68.2	70.6	62.9	58.4
August 2nd week	67.9	70.1	64.0	58.4

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PRICE MOVEMENTS, SEPTEMBER, 1942.

WHOLESALE: The Bureau's general monthly wholesale price index advanced 0.4 to 96.0 in September, reflecting higher quotations in the animal products, non-ferrous metals, wood, wood products and paper and fibres, textiles and textile product groups. Chemicals and allied products registered a small decline while the remaining three groups, vegetable products, iron and its products and non-metallic minerals and their products, were unchanged. The composite monthly index for 30 industrial materials advanced 0.5 points to 94.8 between August and September. For 5 food items an index advance of 1.3 points to 87.9 occurred in the same interval, reflecting higher prices for wheat, oats and steers which offset a decline in hogs. Manufacturing materials gained 0.5 points to 82.3 due to a further increase in rosin prices while the stable series of 12 items remained unchanged at 114.0. Due mainly to an increase in the animal products section index, Canadian farm product prices advanced 3.0 points to 84.3 between August and September. Strength in animal products reflected higher quotations for fluid milk, sheepskins, eggs and livestock which more than offset a decline in poultry prices, to advance the index 9.4 points to 112.3. In the field products sub-group there was a drop of 0.8 to 67.6, accounted for by sharp recessions in potato and onion prices coupled with declines in hay. These outweighed fractional advances in grains.

COST OF LIVING: (Wartime increase 16.5 per cent - from 100.8 to 117.4). The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index declined further from 117.7 on August 1 to 117.4 on September 1. The September index was 16.5 per cent above the level of August 1939. In compliance with Order-in-Council P.C. 6219 as amended, the price of cigarettes and tobacco in the September index does not include the tax imposed on June 24, 1942, under the Special War Revenue Act. The decline in September was due mainly to lower prices for potatoes, beef, lamb, and onions. These decreases were sufficiently great to overbalance increases for eggs, butter, milk and oranges, with the result that the food index dropped from 129.6 for August 1 to 128.5 for September 1. Other group indexes remained unchanged for September as follows: Rentals 111.3, Fuel and Light 112.5, Clothing 120.1, Homefurnishings and Services 117.8, and Miscellaneous Items 107.1.

SECURITIES: Strength in almost all sections of industrials and utilities advanced the Investors' monthly index for 95 common stocks 1.0 points to 62.6 between August and September. Led by industrial mines, textiles and clothing, oils, machinery and equipment and milling stocks, the index for 68 industrials moved up 1.3 points to 59.8 in this interval, while the utility series gained 1.4 points to 69.2 on sharp advances in transportation and telephone and telegraph issues. Banks continued to weaken, the index for eight issues declining 2.9 points to 69.0. In the mining section gold share prices closed up 0.4 at 38.4 while base metal issues were fractionally easier, the index being off 0.2 points at 72.1. For the composite series of 25 representative mining issues there was an index increase of 0.3 to 49.7. Based upon a 15-year 3 per cent theoretical issue, Dominion of Canada long-term bond yields gained a further 0.4 points to 99.4 between August and September.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX MOVEMENTS BETWEEN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER, 1942.

VEGETABLE PRODUCTS: At 85.1 for September, the vegetable products group index was unchanged from August, but 6.1 points above the September 1941 level. Among sub-groups registering advances during the month were fresh fruits, up 14.0 points at 134.5, due to sharp price increases for bananas, lemons and oranges; canned vegetables 0.8 points higher at 80.3 on a price increase in canned tomatoes, and grains, up 0.7 points at 66.8 on slightly higher quotations for wheat, oats and rye. Most substantial losses were registered by onions down 13.5 points at 88.3, and potatoes, down 10.5 points at 75.8. The miscellaneous section index moved 5.3 points lower to 87.6, as hay prices declined, while dried fruits dropped 1.0 points to 91.2 because of lower quotations for Australian raisins. Milled products were down 0.1 at 78.4 on fractional declines in Ontario flour, rolled oats and oatmeal, while other sub-groups remained unchanged at August levels. Effective September 18, it was announced prunes would no longer be eligible for subsidy payments, but would be purchased directly through the Commodity Prices Stabilization Corporation. Harvesting of Canada's record grain crop was seriously hampered during the month by weather conditions and labour shortages. In Manitoba threshing was about 50 p.c. completed as the month closed, while in Saskatchewan and Alberta only about 35 p.c. had been threshed. It was recently reported that Canada would ship 9 million bushels of hard spring wheat or flour to Russia this season.

ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS: September price movements of animals and their products were varied, but gains predominated and the index rose from 99.5 in August to 101.6. Fishery products, hides and skins, livestock and dairy products averaged higher while furs, fresh meats and fowl declined. The livestock index rose from 126.6 to 128.6 as advances of 2.7 and 6.6 p.c. in the prices of steers and calves outweighed declines of about 2½ p.c. for both hogs and lambs. Cattle markets showed mixed tendencies, good steers up to 1050 pounds averaging 61¢ per cwt. over August at Toronto, but dropping 42¢ per cwt. at Winnipeg. Runs were sharply reduced and shipments to plants and yards at 86,600 head were 11,500 head below August offerings. To sustain prices and to keep an orderly supply of beef in the domestic market, exports of beef cattle were placed entirely under the control of the Wartime Food Corporation as from September 4. During September, a new bacon contract with the United Kingdom was concluded. The 1942-43 shipments will be increased 75,000,000 pounds to 675,000,000 pounds. Prices will also be higher but other terms of the contract remained practically unchanged. The fishery products index moved up from 108.1 to 113.7 between August and September, due mainly to a 36 p.c. rise in the price of canned lobsters from which the price ceiling had been removed on August 7. Fresh shore codfish was also up about 4½ p.c. over the previous month. Hides and skins advanced from 100.3 to 105.8 as higher prices obtained for both city and country cured sheepskins. An index of milk and its products rose 6.2 p.c. to 101.7. Prices paid to producers for fresh milk averaged 14.9 p.c. higher following the establishment of a subsidy of 25 cents per 100 pounds for milk, and in addition there was an increase in the basic price for milk in several of the larger cities. First grade creamery butter (prints) at 6 regional cities averaged 36.1¢ per pound compared with 35.4¢ per pound in August. As calculated by the Agricultural Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, stocks of creamery butter in storage were 52,000,000 pounds on October 1, about 3,600,000 pounds greater than on September 1, but 15,781,000 pounds below supplies on October 1, 1941. An index for eggs advanced from 83.8 to 92.7. Demand was strong as fresh supplies showed usual seasonal decreases. Cold storage stocks on October 1 were reported by the Agricultural Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at 6,300,000 dozen, down 4,700,000 dozen from the September 1 figure. An index of raw furs fell from 74.5 to 68.7 between August and September. As reported by the Canadian Fur Auction Sales, price declines ranged from 20 p.c. for ermine to 5 p.c. for muskrat. Due to a ½¢ per pound reduction in fresh beef prices as from September 14, the fresh meat index dropped from 117.9 to 112.2. Fowl prices at Toronto fell about 3 p.c. but cured meats rose fractionally from 96.9 to 97.0.

FIBRES, TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS: An 0.1 point increase to 92.0 in September in the price index for fibres, textiles and textile products reflected an advance of 2.0 points in the woollen cloth yarns sub-group index. Other sub-groups were unchanged at August levels. Because of the shipping situation imports of Brazilian cotton have been nearly suspended with mills now almost entirely dependent on United States staple. Purchases of United States cotton likewise have been reduced since suspension of United States subsidy payments, and pending clarification of payment of subsidies under the Commodity Prices Stabilization Corporation Ltd., on imported raw materials under the price 'ceiling' programme. Under new British war risk rates of 9 per cent for Atlantic ports and 6 per cent for shipments to Pacific ports, rates on Australasian wools will be reduced considerably below the levels of 20 per cent for east coast ports and 7½ per cent for the west coast obtaining during the earlier part of the year. Imports of British woollen piece goods allocated for 1942 delivery were reported at 10 million pounds of which 7.5 will be for civilian use and the remainder for military requirements. New arrangements between the Rayon Administrator of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board and the British Board of Trade will permit of stricter control of rayon yarns, fabrics and staple fibres imports. Current domestic production of viscose and acetate rayon yarns total 20 million pounds a year of which up to 10 p.c. is allocated to war needs.

WOOD, WOOD PRODUCTS AND PAPER: Reflecting an increase in the export price of cedar shingles, the wood, wood products and paper composite index moved up 0.2 points to 101.7 between August and September. In the same interval the cedar lumber and timber sub-group advanced 5.8 points to 161.1. Other sub-groups were unchanged at 131.6 for pine; 128.8 for spruce; 104.8 for hardwoods; 148.4 for hemlock and 125.9 for fir. Pressure of demand for lumber still continued; it was accentuated by estimated requirements of 250 million board feet for new grain storage bins. Meanwhile lumber production on the Pacific coast has declined recently from 160 million feet per month to 140 millions or less. Canada's 1941 production was estimated at 5 billion feet of which domestic requirements absorbed 2¼ billions. Currently, British Timber Control forward purchasing has been heavy with an increased price of $2.00 per thousand for eastern spruce obtaining for November-March shipment, which coupled with the $2.50 per thousand increase in June indicated a total advance of $4.50 over the October 1941 price schedule.

IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTS: Continued stability in the Canadian iron and steel market held the index of prices of iron and steel products unchanged at 115.3 in September. Production in August was somewhat below July levels. Pig iron output amounted to 162,578 tons compared with 172,153 tons in July and steel ingots and castings at 248,868 tons were 7,692 tons below the previous month. As the production of war material continued to take larger proportions of available stocks, further drastic restrictions were placed on the manufacture for civilian use of articles composed of metals other than silver and gold. New regulations were enacted limiting manufacturers' warehouse stocks to a three months' supply, and the strict conservation of all metal building materials was ordered.

NON-FERROUS METALS: Registering the first advance since February, the non-ferrous metals composite monthly index moved up 1.9 points to 80.3 between August and September. This reflected a sharp increase in the official New York buying price for imported silver from 35 1/8¢ per ounce (United States funds) to 44¾¢, effective September 1. Effective August 17, 1942, an order was issued by the Metals Controller setting forth maximum domestic selling prices per pound for tin contained in 100-pound ingots. The order also prohibited any person from remitting any such ingots and casting them for resale except in certain specified weights. In order to increase base metal production, it was stated during the month that large numbers of gold miners would be transferred to the base metal industry.

NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS: A seasonal rise in the price of domestic coal at Lethbridge advanced the coal index .1 to 113.8, but this was too small an amount to affect the total non-metallic index which held at 100.0. In keeping with the stricter limitations placed on the use of building materials, maximum prices were established in September for brick and hollow structural and terra cotta tile sold in Ontario.

CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS: An index of prices of chemicals and allied products moved down from 102.3 in August to 102.2 in September as two of the sub-groups comprising this index registered declines. Inorganic chemicals fell from 89.4 to 88.[illegible] due to a 3 p.c. drop in carbide prices and drugs and pharmaceuticals receded from 176.0 to 175.7 on a 2¢ per pound reduction in the price of American camphor gum. Other groups remained unchanged. In late August, an order was issued by the Administrator of fertilizers and pesticides limiting prices and mixtures of fertilizers as well as the purposes for which these mixtures may be used in the area east of the Manitoba-Ontario boundary. Order A-333 of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board restricted still further the use of shellac, and the use of natural varnish resins in the manufacture of specified paints was also brought under control.

Weekly Index Numbers of 30 Industrial Material Prices
(1926=100)

Month	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
September, 1942	94.7	94.9	94.8	94.9	-
August, 1942	94.3	94.4	94.3	94.4	-
July, 1942	95.0	94.7	94.8	94.7	94.6
June, 1942	94.8	94.9	94.9	95.0	-

Weekly Index Numbers of Canadian Farm Products
(1926=100)

Month	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
September, 1942	81.5	81.5	81.1	81.5	-
August, 1942	80.7	81.5	81.4	80.7	-
July, 1942	81.8	82.3	81.9	80.8	80.8
June, 1942	81.3	81.7	81.9	83.1	-

SUMMARY TABLES OF CANADIAN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

(1926=100)

	General Wholesale Price Index	Consumers' Goods	Producers' Goods	Building Materials	Raw and Partly Manufactured Goods	Fully and Chiefly Manufactured Goods	Canadian Farm Products			Industrial Materials	Thirteen Sensitive Materials
							Field	Animal	Total		
1913	64.0	62.0	67.7	67.0	63.8	64.8	56.4	77.0	64.1	-	-
1920	155.9	136.1	164.3	144.0	154.1	156.5	166.5	150.8	160.6	-	-
1929	95.6	94.7	96.1	99.0	97.5	93.0	93.8	112.5	100.8	91.8	87.2
1933	67.1	71.1	63.1	78.3	56.6	70.2	45.8	59.7	51.0	54.1	43.8
1939	75.4	75.9	70.4	89.7	67.4	75.3	54.2	81.2	64.3	69.0	57.0
1940	82.9	83.4	78.7	95.6	75.3	81.5	56.0	85.8	67.1	79.0	65.9
1941	90.0	91.1	83.6	107.3	81.8	88.8	56.5	95.9	71.2	87.3	75.0
1939 August	72.3	72.7	66.7	90.2	62.8	72.6	48.2	75.4	58.4	65.3	52.9
1940											
August	82.6	83.5	77.9	96.7	73.8	81.3	50.4	83.3	62.7	78.1	63.9
September	83.0	84.0	78.3	97.6	74.4	81.6	50.7	85.8	63.8	78.2	63.1
October	83.3	84.1	78.4	98.0	74.8	81.8	51.1	87.3	64.6	78.8	64.0
November	84.0	84.8	78.8	98.2	76.1	82.4	52.5	91.0	66.9	79.8	66.0
December	84.2	85.2	79.1	98.0	76.2	83.0	52.5	91.6	67.1	79.1	64.7
1941											
January	84.8	85.5	79.8	99.1	76.6	83.4	53.6	90.0	67.2	80.1	65.7
February	85.4	85.7	80.5	100.2	77.7	83.8	54.4	91.6	68.3	81.2	66.9
March	86.0	86.2	81.3	100.6	78.9	84.3	55.6	91.8	69.1	82.3	68.6
April	86.8	87.1	81.6	100.9	79.3	85.4	55.9	92.2	69.5	83.4	70.8
May	88.8	88.8	83.5	107.7	80.8	87.2	55.5	93.3	69.6	86.5	73.6
June	90.1	90.6	84.2	108.4	81.8	88.9	57.1	94.3	71.0	88.0	75.4
July	91.3	92.1	84.6	109.8	82.5	90.4	57.1	96.1	71.7	89.3	77.6
August	92.1	93.5	84.6	111.5	83.5	91.0	56.7	97.9	72.1	90.3	79.7
September	93.4	95.4	85.6	112.1	84.7	92.5	57.6	99.6	73.3	91.5	80.5
October	94.0	96.6	85.8	112.0	85.4	93.1	57.9	101.1	74.1	91.3	80.6
November	94.0	96.7	85.4	112.0	85.4	93.1	57.4	102.0	74.1	91.0	80.4
December	93.6	95.3	85.8	112.8	85.7	92.1	59.2	100.5	74.6	91.7	80.4
1942											
January	94.3	95.3	86.8	113.1	87.2	92.0	62.8	101.5	77.3	92.4	80.4
February	94.6	94.9	87.2	113.3	87.8	91.7	64.3	102.1	78.4	93.2	80.8
March	95.1	95.4	87.4	114.2	88.4	92.1	64.6	102.7	78.8	93.3	80.9
April	95.0	95.1	87.7	114.4	88.6	91.9	65.0	103.7	79.5	93.5	80.9
May	95.2	95.1	88.3	114.4	89.4	91.6	65.5	104.8	80.2	94.2	81.5
June	95.8	96.0	88.7	114.2	90.5	91.5	66.3	107.0	81.5	94.8	81.6
July	96.1	96.6	88.0	113.8	90.4	91.9	67.7	103.6	81.1	94.6	82.0
August	95.6	95.3	88.7	113.8	89.7	91.8	68.4	102.9	81.3	94.3	81.8
September	96.0	96.0	89.1	114.1	91.4	92.0	67.6	112.3	84.3	94.8	82.3

COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Note: Wholesale price indexes appearing in this bulletin are subject to revision.

	Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1941	Sept. 1941	July 1942	August 1942	Sept. 1942
	Total Index	526	90.0	93.4	96.1	95.6	96.0
I.	Vegetable Products	123	77.0	79.1	86.0	85.1	85.1
	Fruits	14	88.6	96.4	107.3	111.1	121.5
	Fresh	4	91.8	100.8	115.4	120.5	134.5
	Dried	4	82.2	83.7	92.2	92.2	91.2
	Canned	6	75.5	82.4	73.5	73.5	73.5
	Grains	22	56.2	56.9	62.2	66.1	66.8
	Flour and Milled Products	12	76.7	76.1	79.2	78.5	78.4
	Bakery Products	2	86.3	86.8	86.8	86.8	86.8
	Vegetable Oils	4	109.8	128.3	132.2	132.2	132.2
	Rubber and Its Products	7	74.2	75.6	75.7	75.7	75.7
	Sugar and Its Products and Glucose	8	115.9	120.3	120.6	120.6	120.6
	Tea, Coffee, Cocoa and Spices	13	109.1	117.5	122.7	122.7	122.7
	Vegetables	13	66.1	65.9	121.3	86.4	77.9
II.	Animals and Their Products	75	92.1	100.1	101.1	99.5	101.6
	Fishery Products	16	92.9	98.2	110.4	103.1	113.7
	Furs	9	80.5	95.6	74.5	74.5	68.7
	Hides and Skins	6	110.3	111.1	100.9	100.3	105.8
	Leather, Unmanufactured	9	106.3	109.9	111.9	111.9	111.9
	Boots and Shoes	2	103.5	105.9	105.3	105.3	105.7
	Live Stock	4	110.0	115.2	132.5	126.6	128.6
	Meats and Poultry	9	94.9	101.6	111.4	106.4	103.4
	Milk and Its Products	12	93.2	101.3	95.7	95.8	101.7
	Fats	5	63.3	85.4	73.6	73.1	73.1
	Eggs	3	70.8	84.9	78.6	83.8	92.3
III.	Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	64	91.0	96.9	91.9	91.9	92.0
	Cotton, Raw	2	98.4	119.0	119.0	119.0	119.0
	Cotton Fabrics	19	87.8	96.3	82.5	82.5	82.5
	Knit Goods	3	95.4	104.1	101.3	98.9	98.9
	Flax, Hemp and Jute Products	6	86.0	90.8	90.9	92.2	92.2
	Rayon and Silk Hosiery	1	70.2	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1
	Rayon Fabrics	2	69.0	69.0	67.3	67.2	67.2
	Artificial Silk Products	2	49.0	50.4	49.0	49.0	49.0
	Wool, Raw	3	95.0	96.0	94.7	94.7	94.7
	Wool Hosiery and Knit Goods	5	108.2	108.8	108.8	108.8	108.8
	Wool Cloth	6	104.5	105.5	105.2	105.2	105.2
IV.	Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	96.0	98.8	101.5	101.5	101.7
	Newsprint and Wrapping Paper	2	74.0	74.0	74.0	74.0	74.0
	Lumber	33	120.6	128.4	131.7	131.7	132.4
	Pulp	3	108.9	108.9	119.0	119.0	119.0
	Furniture	10	99.1	102.8	104.7	104.7	104.7
V.	Iron and Its Products	44	111.3	112.6	115.3	115.3	115.3
	Pig Iron and Steel Billets	3	101.7	101.7	104.8	104.8	104.8
	Rolling Mill Products	14	115.0	117.0	121.3	121.3	121.3
	Hardware	16	92.5	93.1	93.9	93.9	93.9
	Wire	3	99.3	100.4	100.4	100.4	100.4
	Scrap	5	112.3	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9
VI.	Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	17	78.0	78.2	78.4	78.4	80.3
	Brass and Copper Products	5	86.3	86.6	86.7	86.7	86.7
	Lead and Its Products	2	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1
	Tin Ingots	2	91.1	92.5	96.2	95.6	95.6
	Zinc and Its Products	2	59.1	59.2	59.1	59.1	59.1
	Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products (V and VI above)	61	100.2	101.1	103.0	103.0	103.6

COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1941	Sept. 1941	July 1942	Aug. 1942	Sept. 1942
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	81	95.6	98.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Clay and Allied Material Products	10	93.7	96.3	96.3	96.3	96.3
Coal	13	108.3	110.6	113.7	113.7	113.8
Coke	4	121.8	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5
Manufactured Gas	3	103.4	103.5	103.5	103.5	103.5
Glass and Its Products	6	102.8	104.4	104.4	104.4	104.4
Petroleum Products	5	78.9	82.5	85.1	85.1	85.1
Asphalt	2	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3
Salt	4	123.6	130.6	130.6	130.6	130.6
Lime	4	108.4	111.8	112.2	112.2	112.2
Cement	1	104.1	106.5	106.5	106.5	106.5
Sand and Gravel	8	87.6	87.3	87.3	87.3	87.3
Crushed Stone	3	78.5	78.0	80.3	80.3	80.3
Building Stone	3	68.4	70.8	70.8	70.8	70.8
Asbestos	8	74.1	74.1	74.1	74.1	74.1
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	73	98.9	102.3	102.2	102.3	102.2
Inorganic Chemicals	22	89.2	88.6	88.9	89.4	88.9
Organic Chemicals	5	86.0	88.1	90.4	90.4	90.4
Coal Tar Products	2	90.7	91.1	91.1	91.1	91.1
Dyeing and Tanning Materials	10	131.4	136.4	136.4	136.4	136.4
Explosives	2	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1
Paints, Prepared	1	79.7	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5
Drugs and Pharmaceutical Chemicals	8	162.6	171.4	176.0	176.0	175.7
Fertilizers	10	87.9	88.1	88.1	88.1	88.1
Industrial Gases	2	85.1	84.2	83.0	83.7	83.7

PURPOSE CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

I. CONSUMERS' GOODS (Groups A and B)	215	91.1	95.4	96.6	95.3	96.0
A. Foods, Beverages and Tobacco	118	89.5	94.7	100.2	97.2	98.5
Beverages	8	112.9	121.8	125.8	125.8	125.8
Flour and Milled Products	12	76.7	76.1	79.2	78.5	78.4
Bakery Products	2	86.3	86.8	86.8	86.8	86.8
Fish	16	92.9	98.2	110.4	108.1	113.7
Fruits	14	88.6	96.4	107.3	111.1	121.5
Meats and Poultry	9	94.9	101.6	111.4	106.4	103.4
Milk and Milk Products	12	93.2	101.3	95.7	95.8	101.7
Sugar and Its Products	8	115.9	120.3	120.6	120.6	120.6
Vegetables	13	66.1	65.9	121.3	86.4	77.9
Eggs	3	70.8	84.9	78.6	83.8	92.3
Tobacco	7	41.9	41.8	45.7	45.7	45.7
B. Other Consumers' Goods	97	92.2	95.8	94.2	94.1	94.3
Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Rubbers, Hosiery and Underwear	48	91.4	95.9	90.9	90.7	90.9
Household Equipment and Supplies	49	92.9	95.8	96.7	96.7	96.8
II. PRODUCERS' GOODS (Groups C and D)	377	83.6	85.6	88.0	88.7	89.1
C. Producers' Equipment	24	105.7	107.5	110.4	110.5	110.4
Tools	3	93.7	94.0	98.1	98.1	98.1
Light, Heat and Power Equipment and Supplies	17	106.9	108.8	111.9	112.0	111.9
Explosives	2	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1
Miscellaneous	2	100.8	100.8	100.8	100.8	100.8

PURPOSE CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1941	Sept. 1941	July 1942	Aug. 1942	Sept. 1942
D. Producers' Materials	353	81.1	83.2	85.5	86.3	86.7
Building and Construction Materials	110	107.3	112.2	113.8	113.8	114.1
*Lumber	33	120.6	128.4	131.7	131.7	132.4
Paint	12	82.3	87.0	86.6	86.6	86.6
Miscellaneous	65	100.8	102.9	103.5	103.5	103.5
Manufacturers' Materials	243	76.6	78.3	80.7	81.6	82.1
Textiles and Clothing	46	88.2	93.8	86.7	86.9	87.0
Furs and Leather Goods	24	98.0	105.1	97.5	97.4	96.2
For Metal Working Industries	40	85.1	85.6	88.4	86.4	87.9
For Chemical Using Industries	42	96.5	97.5	98.6	98.9	98.6
For Meat Packing Industries	4	110.0	115.2	132.5	126.6	128.6
For Milling and Other Industries	22	56.2	55.9	62.2	66.1	66.8
Miscellaneous Producers' Materials	65	78.8	79.7	92.0	81.7	81.4

ORIGIN CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Total Raw and Partly Manufactured	223	81.8	84.7	90.4	89.7	91.4
Total Fully and Chiefly Manufactured	302	88.8	93.5	91.9	91.8	92.0
I. Articles of Farm Origin (Domestic and Foreign)						
A. Field						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	84	63.2	65.1	74.2	73.7	73.7
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured	83	86.8	90.2	89.0	88.8	88.8
(c) Total	167	75.9	78.6	82.2	81.8	81.8
B. Animal						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	36	95.0	99.8	102.0	100.0	106.3
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured	54	89.0	96.3	93.5	93.6	94.0
(c) Total	90	91.6	97.8	97.2	96.4	99.3
C. Canadian Farm Products						
(1) Field	50	56.5	57.6	67.7	68.4	67.6
(2) Animal	18	95.9	99.8	103.6	103.9	112.3
(3) Total	68	71.2	73.3	81.1	81.[illegible]	84.3
II. Articles of Marine Origin						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	7	79.6	82.7	105.6	99.2	99.8
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured	9	96.8	104.1	113.6	113.6	120.6
(c) Total	16	92.1	98.3	111.4	109.7	115.0
*III. Articles of Forest Origin						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	37	117.1	122.5	127.8	127.8	128.3
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured	20	76.9	77.5	77.6	77.6	77.6
(c) Total	57	95.6	98.5	101.0	101.0	101.2
IV. Articles of Mineral Origin						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	59	92.6	93.6	95.2	95.2	96.0
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured	136	98.0	100.0	101.5	101.5	101.5
(c) Total	195	95.6	97.1	98.7	98.7	99.0

* Includes both domestic and export prices.

WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES
(All Prices given in Canadian Funds)

Commodity		Yearly Average 1941	Sept. 1941	July 1942	Aug. 1942	Sept. 1942
		$	$	$	$	$
OATS, No. 2 C.W. Ft. William and Pt. Arthur cash basis	Bush.	.408	.493	.513	.461	.484
WHEAT, No. 1 Man. Northern Ft. William and Pt. Arthur cash basis	Bush.	.747	.726	.808	.889	.896
FLOUR, First Patent, 2-98's Cotton, Toronto		5.529	4.950	5.050	5.050	5.050
SUGAR, Granulated, Montreal	Cwt.	6.643	6.893	6.893	6.893	6.893
RUBBER, Ceylon, ribbed, smoked sheets, f.o.b. New York	Lb.	.273	.278	.275	.275	.275
LINSEED OIL, Raw, Montreal	Gal.	.834	.850	.900	.900	.900
CATTLE, Steers, good up to 1050 lbs. Toronto	Cwt.	8.694	8.950	10.630	9.840	10.450
HOGS, BI, Dressed, Toronto	Cwt.	13.240	14.650	15.850	16.110	15.600
BEEF HIDES, Packer Hides Native Steers, Toronto	Lb.	.149	.150	.150	.150	.150
LEATHER, Packer crops, No. I and II, f.o.b. Distributing points	Lb.	.474	.480	.480	.480	.480
BOX SIDES D, f.o.b. Ont. factory	Ft.	.225	.240	.240	.240	.240
BUTTER, Creamery prints, first grade Montreal	Lb.	.348	.360	.358	.361	.367
CHEESE, Canada, old, large Montreal	Lb.	.271	.305	.340	.340	.340
EGGS, Grade "A" large Montreal	Doz.	.346	.423	.368	.429	.462
COTTON, raw 1" - 1 1/16" Hamilton	Lb.	.188	.226	.223	.223	.223
COTTON YARNS, 10's white single Hosiery cops, Mill	Lb.	.344	.399	.293	.293	.293
WOOL, eastern bright ½ blood domestic, f.o.b. Ontario	Lb.	.310	.310	.310	.310	.310
WOOL, western range, semi-bright ½ blood, domestic, f.o.b. Ontario	Lb.	.263	.275	.260	.260	.260
(A) Pulp, groundwood, No. 1 delivered, Eastern Continental Divide	Ton	44.000	44.000	50.600	50.600	50.600
STEEL, Merchant bars, mild Mill	100 Lbs.	2.686	2.754	2.754	2.754	2.754
PIG IRON, foundry No. 1, f.o.b. Plant	Gross Ton	25.500	25.500	25.500	25.500	25.500
COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic Montreal	Cwt.	11.500	11.500	11.500	11.500	11.500
LEAD, domestic, f.o.b. carlots Montreal	Cwt.	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000
TIN INGOTS, Straits, f.o.b. Toronto	Lb.	.618	.620	.620	.620	.620
ZINC, domestic, f.o.b. carlots Montreal	Cwt.	5.150	5.150	5.150	5.150	5.150
COAL, Anthracite, Toronto f.o.b. carlots	Ton	12.138	12.499	12.553	12.553	12.553
COAL, Bituminous, N.S. run-of-mine	Ton	5.650	5.700	5.700	5.700	5.700
(B) GASOLENE, Standard Toronto	Gal.	.193	.205	.215	.215	.215
SULPHURIC ACID 66° Baume f.o.b. works	Net Ton	17.250	17.000	18.000	18.000	18.000

(A) Groundwood Pulp delivered to consumers' Mills, east of Continental Divide, (exclusive of Denver).

(B) 1942 - Federal Tax included.

PRICE INDEX NUMBER SYNOPSIS

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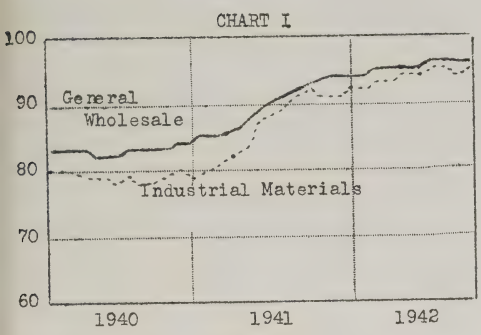

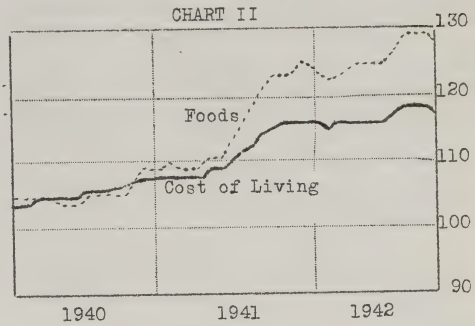

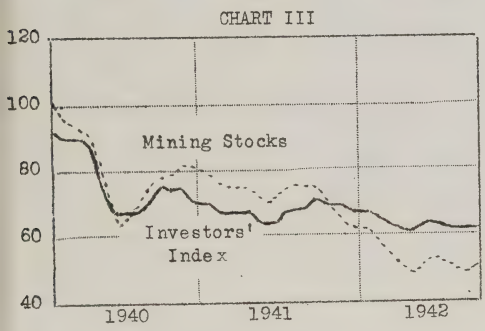

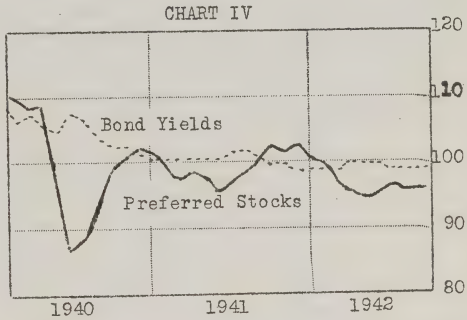

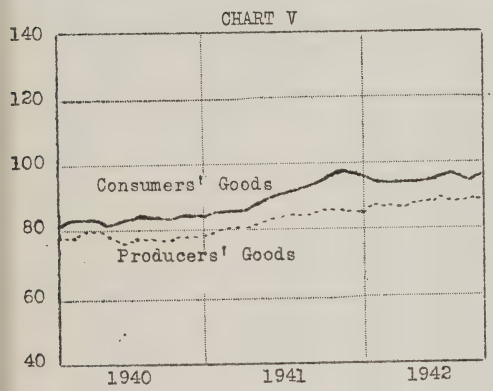

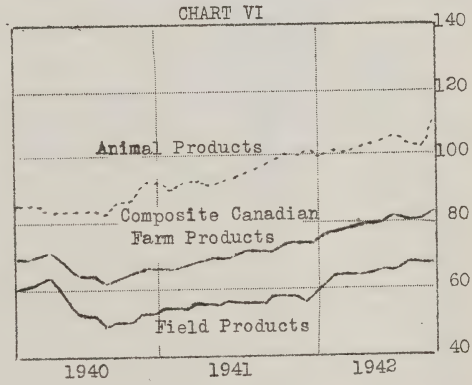

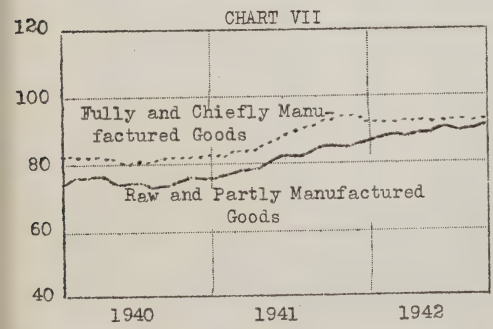

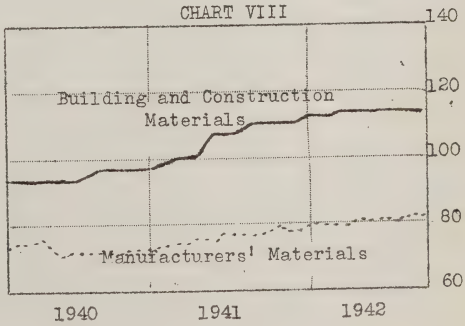

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS IN CANADA, SEPTEMBER 1, 1942

(Calculations based on prices for the first business day of each month)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of living costs on the base 1935-1939=100, fell from 117.7 on August 1st to 117.4 on September 1st. The decline was due to lower quotations for potatoes, beef, lamb and onions, which more than offset increases for eggs, milk, butter and oranges. Living costs in September were 2.3 per cent above the September 1941 level. During the same period the various groups recorded the following increases: Foods 4.2 per cent; fuel 1.4 per cent; rent 1.5 per cent; clothing 2.3 per cent; homefurnishings and services 1.7 per cent and miscellaneous items 0.7 per cent.

An index for 46 food items declined from 129.6 in August to 128.5 in September. Sub-group indexes for eggs, dairy products and fruits were up while meats and vegetables declined. Other groups were unchanged for September at the following levels: Fuel 112.5, rent 111.3, clothing 120.1, homefurnishings and services 117.8 and miscellaneous items 107.1.

An index for retail prices alone, reflecting the lower food costs, was down from 123.5 to 123.0.

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS, 1913-SEPTEMBER 1, 1942.

(1935-1939=100)

	Total Index	Food Index	Rent Index	Fuel and Light-ing Index	Cloth-ing Index	Home Furnishings and Miscellaneous Index	Retail Prices Index (Commod-ities only)
1913	79.7	88.3	74.3	76.9	88.0	70.3	-
1914	80.0	91.9	72.1	75.4	88.9	70.3	-
1917	104.5	133.3	75.8	83.8	130.3	81.5	-
1918	118.3	152.8	80.2	92.2	152.3	91.4	-
1920	150.5	188.1	100.2	119.9	213.1	110.3	-
1926	121.8	133.3	115.9	116.8	139.1	106.1	-
1929	121.7	134.7	119.7	112.6	134.8	105.0	-
1930	120.8	131.5	122.7	111.8	130.6	105.4	-
1934	95.6	92.7	93.2	102.1	97.1	97.8	-

	Percentage Increase Since Aug.1,1939						Home Furnish-ings and Services Index	Miscell-aneous Index	
1935		96.2	94.6	94.0	100.9	97.6	95.4	98.7	95.9
1936		98.1	97.8	96.1	101.5	99.3	97.2	99.1	98.1
1937		101.2	103.2	99.7	98.9	101.4	101.5	100.1	102.0
1938		102.2	103.8	103.1	97.7	100.9	102.4	101.2	102.8
1939		101.5	100.6	103.8	101.2	100.7	101.4	101.4	101.0
1940		105.6	105.6	106.3	107.1	1[illegible]	107.2	102.3	106.6
1941	10.8	111.7	116.1	109.4	110.3	116.1	113.8	105.1	114.9
1939 Aug. 1		100.8	99.3	103.8	99.0	100.1	100.9	101.3	100.0
1941 July 2	11.0	111.9	116.6	109.7	110.5	115.1	113.0	105.6	114.9
Aug. 1	12.8	113.7	121.3	109.7	110.5	115.7	114.3	106.1	117.7
Sept.2	13.8	114.7	123.3	109.7	110.9	117.4	115.8	106.4	119.4
Oct. 1	14.6	115.5	123.2	111.2	112.1	119.6	117.3	106.5	120.1
Nov. 1	15.4	116.3	125.4	111.2	112.7	120.0	117.9	106.7	121.4
Dec. 1	14.9	115.8	123.8	111.2	112.7	119.9	117.9	106.7	120.6
1942 Jan. 2	14.5	115.4	122.3	111.2	112.9	119.9	118.0	106.8	119.9
Feb. 2	14.8	115.7	123.1	111.2	112.9	119.8	118.0	107.1	120.3
Mar. 2	15.0	115.9	123.7	111.2	112.9	119.8	118.0	107.1	120.6
Apr. 1	15.0	115.9	123.7	111.2	112.9	119.8	118.1	107.1	120.6
May 1	15.2	116.1	124.3	111.3	112.9	119.9	118.0	107.1	120.9
June 1	15.8	116.7	126.2	111.3	112.6	119.9	117.9	107.1	121.8
July 2	17.0	117.9	130.3	111.3	112.5	120.0	117.9	107.1	123.9
Aug. 1	16.8	117.7	129.6	111.3	112.5	120.1	117.8	107.1	123.5
Sept.1	16.5	117.4	128.5	111.3	112.9	120.1	117.8	107.1	123.0

*By Order-in-Council P.C. 6219 as amended, prices of cigarettes and tobacco used in the index for purposes of computing cost-of-living bonuses do not include the tax imposed on June 24, 1942, by the Special War Revenue Act. Since indirect taxes of this kind previously have been included in the index, an August figure reflecting the new tax has been computed to maintain continuity with preceding calculations. This index is 117.7.

INDEX NUMBERS OF RETAIL PRICES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES OF FOOD IN CANADA, AUGUST 1, 1939, AND SEPTEMBER 2, 1941-SEPTEMBER 1, 1942.

(1935-1939=100)

Year and Month	Beef Sirloin	Beef Blade	Veal Roast	Lamb Roast	Pork Fresh	Bacon Breakfast	Canned Salmon	Pure Lard	Eggs Grade "A"	Milk Fresh	Butter Creamery	Cheese Canadian	Beans Dry	Potatoes
1939 - August 1st	110.7	111.4	105.5	109.3	105.8	97.4	99.1	73.4	91.5	100.0	88.7	98.2	87.9	126.4
1941 - September 2nd ...	136.7	146.1	142.8	128.5	133.2	128.7	124.4	105.2	127.5	110.1	134.3	135.2	110.3	120.5
October 1st	136.7	148.9	147.8	122.7	133.2	128.9	126.9	113.6	129.9	110.1	127.2	153.5	110.3	113.2
November 1st	135.2	149.7	147.8	120.4	133.2	129.9	132.5	117.5	154.4	111.0	121.7	171.4	113.8	113.2
December 1st	133.6	147.5	147.2	119.6	132.4	128.7	131.9	111.0	143.2	111.0	124.6	171.4	113.8	113.6
1942 - January 2nd	133.2	147.5	145.4	120.0	132.0	128.7	131.9	104.5	121.1	111.0	124.3	170.4	112.1	120.1
February 2nd	134.0	148.3	150.3	122.3	132.8	128.7	132.5	103.9	118.1	111.0	124.3	171.4	112.1	145.7
March 2nd	134.8	150.3	152.2	124.6	133.6	128.7	133.1	103.9	115.4	111.0	125.9	171.4	112.1	153.9
April 1st	135.6	152.4	152.2	125.8	134.4	128.9	133.7	104.5	110.3	111.0	126.5	171.4	112.1	155.0
May 1st	137.1	155.9	153.5	127.7	134.8	129.3	134.4	105.2	106.6	111.0	127.2	168.5	113.8	158.5
June 1st	145.5	166.4	158.5	132.7	136.0	129.3	135.0	105.2	106.6	111.0	127.2	165.7	113.8	166.3
July 2nd	156.5	181.8	164.1	151.9	137.7	130.4	135.6	104.5	113.0	111.0	126.2	163.4	113.8	234.5
August 1st	153.3	177.6	162.3	147.7	137.2	130.7	136.3	103.9	120.2	111.0	125.9	162.4	113.8	220.5
September 1st ...	147.8	170.6	164.1	135.4	137.2	131.0	137.5	102.6	134.1	111.9	126.5	161.5	112.1	169.4

Year and Month	Tomatoes Canned	Peas Canned	Bread White	Flour House-hold	Rolled Oats	Rice	Prunes	Raisins	Jam Straw-berry	Sugar Granu-lated	Sugar Yellow	Tea	Coffee	Weighted Food Index (46 Items)
1939 - August 1st	91.3	89.7	98.4	78.4	92.6	101.2	94.7	100.0	96.5	101.6	101.6	105.6	94.4	99.3
1941 - September 2nd ...	118.8	104.2	104.8	100.0	98.1	124.4	107.0	103.6	101.8	134.4	133.3	142.2	132.9	123.3
October 1st	118.8	104.2	104.8	100.0	101.9	126.8	108.8	103.6	103.6	134.4	133.3	146.2	134.0	123.2
November 1st	118.8	105.9	104.8	100.0	105.5	128.0	110.5	104.8	105.3	134.4	133.3	151.2	135.7	125.4
December 1st	118.8	105.0	104.8	100.0	103.7	128.0	109.6	104.2	105.3	134.4	133.3	153.2	133.7	123.8
1942 - January 2nd	117.9	105.0	104.8	100.0	103.7	128.0	110.5	103.6	105.3	132.8	133.3	152.7	133.4	122.3
February 2nd	117.9	105.0	104.8	100.0	105.5	128.0	110.5	104.2	105.3	132.8	133.3	153.8	133.7	123.1
March 2nd	118.8	105.0	104.8	100.0	105.5	130.5	111.4	104.2	105.9	132.8	133.3	154.3	133.4	123.7
April 1st	118.8	105.0	104.8	100.0	105.5	131.7	111.4	104.2	105.9	132.8	133.3	154.7	133.7	123.7
May 1st	118.8	105.9	104.8	100.0	105.5	132.9	111.4	104.2	105.9	134.4	133.3	155.4	133.7	124.3
June 1st	118.8	105.9	104.8	100.0	105.5	132.9	111.4	104.2	105.9	134.4	133.3	155.8	133.7	126.2
July 2nd	118.8	106.7	104.8	100.0	105.5	134.1	112.3	104.2	105.9	134.4	133.3	156.2	133.7	130.3
August 1st	118.8	106.7	104.8	100.0	105.5	135.4	113.1	103.6	106.5	134.4	133.3	156.3	133.4	129.6
September 1st ...	118.8	106.7	104.8	100.0	105.5	137.8	113.1	103.6	106.5	134.4	133.3	156.3	134.0	128.5

INVESTORS' INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCK PRICES

The Investors' price index of 95 common stocks rose 3.4 p.c. to 63.6 between the weeks ended September 3 and October 1. With the exception of minor recessions in building materials and banks, all sub-groups moved upward. The advance started in the middle of the month and was led by the transportation issues, which soared 20.5 p.c. to 70.6. Appreciable increases were also recorded within the milling group, which rose 9.0 p.c. to 65.1, followed by the communication section up 6.8 p.c. to 86.2, industrial mines 6.6 p.c. to 65.8, pulp and paper 5.5 p.c. to 57.7, beverages 4.9 p.c. to 101.6 and machinery and equipment 4.6 p.c. to 79.3. The Bureau's monthly price index of common stocks netted a gain of 1.0 to 62.6 in September, with industrials mounting from 58.5 to 59.8, utilities from 67.8 to 69.2 while banks fell from 71.9 to 69.0

MINING STOCK PRICES

No net change was registered by the weekly index of twenty-five mining issues between September 3 and October 1; it remained at 49.0. Gains in base metals bringing the sectional index to 72.6 were cancelled by losses in the golds, which moved lower to 37.1. Comparable figures for the same period last year were 65.1 for the golds and 93.0 for base metals. Monthly indexes were higher on average, the composite series showing a gain of 0.3 points to 49.7 for September. Golds were up 0.4 points to 38.4 while base metals declined 0.2 points to 72.1. Listed below is a table of average prices for the weeks of October 1 and September 3, as compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

GOLDS

	Oct.1	Sept.3		Oct.1	Sept.3
Beattie	$ .60	$ .55	Little Long Lac	$ .72	$ .65
Bralorne	5.85	6.00	Macassa	1.90	1.75
Buffalo-Ankerite	-	1.16	McIntyre	38.00	39.00
Cariboo Gold Quartz....	-	.85	Pickle Crow	1.36	1.53
Central Patricia	.70	.71	Pioneer	1.14	1.12
Dome	14.00	14.00	San Antonio	1.45	1.34
God's Lake	.157	.12	Siscoe	.335	.32
Hollinger	6.90	7.20	Sylvanite	1.25	1.25
Kirkland Lake	.382	.42	Teck-Hughes	1.48	1.49
Lake Shore	7.40	7.80	Uchi	.03	.042
Lamaque Gold Mines	3.30	3.60	Wright-Hargreaves	2.04	1.95
			BASE METALS		
Falconbridge	2.50	2.40	Noranda	43.50	43.00
Hudson Bay	22.37	22.00			

PREFERRED STOCKS

The Bureau's preferred stock price index was down 0.2 p.c. to 95.6 between August and September. This compared with a gain of 0.1 p.c. between July and August. Recessions were recorded for tobacco issues which fell 2.3 p.c. followed by building materials and pulp and paper stocks each losing 1.9 p.c. from August averages. Gains were made by machinery and equipment, beverages and power groups each of which advanced 1.0 p.c. Foods and Oils improved fractionally.

INDEX NUMBERS OF 30 PREFERRED STOCK PRICES, 1935-1942
(1935-1939=100)

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1935	88.7	89.0	85.9	83.5	82.5	82.5	84.0	85.5	83.5	83.8	87.5	89.0
1936	90.3	83.1	92.0	91.7	90.0	91.9	95.9	97.2	101.1	104.7	109.9	113.3
1937	119.7	121.1	133.8	124.4	120.9	119.8	119.9	122.4	109.8	99.2	98.9	97.7
1938	100.6	99.0	93.5	94.3	96.6	98.7	105.2	104.7	98.1	106.2	105.5	104.8
1939	102.5	101.8	101.2	95.2	95.3	98.8	100.1	97.7	100.5	107.4	108.7	110.1
1940	110.7	109.7	108.8	108.9	96.7	86.9	89.0	93.9	99.1	100.7	103.0	101.7
1941	101.4	97.6	98.7	97.9	96.3	96.8	98.5	100.0	103.2	102.2	102.6	100.7
1942	99.6	96.8	95.6	94.5	95.4	96.5	95.7	95.8	95.6			

INVESTORS' MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCKS

(1935-39=100)

	GENERAL	INDUSTRIALS										UTILITIES				BANKS
Number of Securities 1942	Total 95	Total 68	Machinery and Equipment 8	Pulp and Paper 7	Milling 3	Oils 4	Textiles and Clothing 10	Food and Allied Products 12	Beverages 7	Building Materials 15	Industrial Mines 2	Total 19	Transportation 2	Telephone Telegraph 2	Power and Traction 15	Total 8
1940 - January	90.9	89.1	107.4	122.0	116.5	78.2	128.0	113.9	107.9	108.3	92.2	90.7	69.9	107.4	92.3	103.3
February	90.2	88.6	103.8	116.5	116.0	79.4	134.4	114.8	106.8	105.5	90.2	89.9	71.2	107.1	90.8	103.0
March	90.3	87.5	107.2	114.0	113.7	78.0	135.4	115.6	107.9	105.3	88.3	93.4	84.0	107.7	92.0	104.0
April	88.4	85.1	105.9	122.4	113.0	74.1	135.7	115.0	109.9	105.2	84.9	93.4	82.7	106.1	93.2	102.4
May	73.3	69.2	82.0	81.1	91.5	62.6	119.3	102.7	94.0	83.2	65.0	78.2	57.1	99.3	78.3	97.4
June	65.5	61.2	74.5	65.2	74.1	50.3	104.2	89.7	85.2	74.3	62.7	71.0	47.3	95.6	70.8	91.3
July	66.1	62.6	73.5	69.2	79.1	50.8	110.4	90.8	91.0	73.5	65.8	70.4	49.0	91.4	70.9	85.5
August	69.3	65.8	78.7	76.2	80.6	52.4	114.0	93.5	95.9	77.5	71.2	73.6	55.0	95.3	73.2	88.1
September	75.8	73.1	85.5	82.1	95.5	60.7	121.4	101.6	99.5	87.0	77.4	78.0	60.1	99.5	77.2	92.9
October	74.2	71.3	84.0	80.1	93.5	56.2	120.8	101.4	99.5	88.9	77.7	77.0	55.4	100.2	76.9	91.9
November	74.5	71.3	86.0	82.6	81.4	54.5	121.5	100.7	105.8	91.2	77.8	78.2	62.2	101.4	76.2	92.7
December	70.3	65.9	78.6	76.7	75.2	48.7	116.8	99.6	106.5	87.6	71.4	76.4	55.8	101.3	75.6	94.6
1941 - January	71.3	66.9	77.6	74.1	72.3	51.6	110.6	96.8	104.3	84.0	73.2	77.3	60.9	101.2	75.4	94.7
February	66.5	62.3	72.9	63.8	69.5	48.7	105.0	90.1	96.6	77.3	67.3	71.3	51.6	100.2	68.8	90.9
March	66.8	63.1	73.6	65.4	69.5	49.5	103.1	87.9	93.7	78.5	69.0	70.7	55.7	99.2	67.0	89.9
April	65.8	62.3	73.2	63.9	68.6	49.4	101.3	88.6	88.1	77.8	67.8	68.2	57.3	97.8	62.2	89.7
May	63.9	60.7	71.8	59.7	63.4	51.3	97.4	88.6	82.8	74.4	62.6	65.2	54.8	91.6	60.3	88.3
June	64.0	60.3	72.0	59.5	67.5	48.0	101.1	90.1	87.3	74.9	64.2	67.1	58.9	92.0	62.0	89.0
July	67.5	64.0	76.3	66.1	67.5	48.4	105.7	90.5	94.3	77.8	72.3	70.6	65.8	93.0	65.3	89.7
August	67.8	64.4	76.8	70.2	72.4	49.1	106.3	91.8	95.7	79.7	71.5	71.2	70.0	94.6	64.4	89.7
September	71.0	67.5	80.5	78.5	75.1	51.3	108.4	93.3	102.4	82.4	75.8	74.7	70.3	98.6	68.8	91.2
October	69.1	65.5	78.3	75.5	74.5	51.2	105.7	91.9	98.7	78.9	71.7	72.5	65.7	96.8	67.2	90.8
November	68.8	65.3	78.2	76.4	74.9	52.9	110.0	91.0	102.6	77.8	68.9	71.1	65.2	95.3	65.5	91.7
December	67.2	63.9	75.5	72.9	72.2	49.0	110.4	91.4	104.8	75.5	69.7	68.7	60.4	95.9	63.0	90.5
1942 - January	66.8	62.9	74.3	71.9	74.5	45.9	112.8	88.7	99.2	75.1	71.9	70.4	64.5	95.5	64.4	91.1
February	64.7	60.8	73.4	69.3	69.7	43.6	108.7	85.5	96.3	73.9	70.1	67.7	60.5	93.5	62.1	91.1
March	62.3	57.8	69.7	66.1	70.9	41.2	104.3	75.8	92.8	74.0	67.3	67.5	59.4	93.5	62.0	89.4
April	61.1	56.6	70.6	63.2	69.6	41.4	102.4	74.2	93.1	73.9	64.2	66.3	60.6	91.9	60.2	88.4
May	62.0	57.9	74.7	61.1	70.5	43.2	104.3	73.5	94.2	75.7	65.2	66.4	59.6	92.0	60.7	87.4
June	62.8	58.4	76.2	61.1	69.6	44.5	106.6	73.9	93.6	76.8	64.9	68.1	56.6	92.3	64.3	87.7
July	62.4	58.6	76.6	58.9	65.3	46.6	100.4	75.9	95.5	75.3	62.7	67.8	58.4	86.5	65.2	81.7
August	61.6	58.5	76.0	56.0	61.2	47.5	97.7	75.3	98.3	73.1	61.9	67.8	58.8	80.8	66.9	71.9
September	62.6	59.8	77.9	55.9	62.0	49.0	99.8	74.2	98.7	71.2	64.1	69.2	62.5	83.4	67.1	69.0

INDEX NUMBERS OF TWENTY-FIVE MINING STOCKS
(1935-39=100)

No. of Stocks 1942		Golds 22	Base Metals 3	Total Index 25
x1931 -	High	76.2	127.3	99.2
	Low	44.8	63.0	62.6
x1932 -	High	53.6	32.9	45.2
	Low	41.2	17.0	32.6
x1933 -	High	95.0	57.7	81.4
	Low	58.1	27.3	45.[illegible]
x1934 -	High	119.0	67.1	99.9
	Low	87.8	50.0	74.8
x1935 -	High	111.4	84.7	95.3
	Low	88.9	51.5	80.1
x1936 -	High	115.[illegible]	128.9	118.8
	Low	100.5	82.3	94.4
x1937 -	High	120.0	142.7	125.6
	Low	84.7	73.3	80.8
x1938 -	High	106.6	129.1	112.2
	Low	89.3	82.8	87.3
x1939 -	High	105.7	130.1	113.5
	Low	82.5	109.6	91.9
x1940 -	High	92.1	122.4	102.2
	Low	55.8	69.5	60.5
x1941 -	High	75.2	96.1	80.6
	Low	50.7	80.6	61.0
1940				
June		57.7	74.7	63.4
July		59.1	75.1	64.8
August		64.6	83.7	[illegible]
September		70.8	91.0	[illegible]
October		72.9	91.3	79.2
November		76.3	94.5	82.4
December		74.9	90.[illegible]	80.2
1941				
January		74.4	89.2	79.4
February		70.6	83.2	74.9
March		70.0	84.7	75.1
April		69.0	87.6	75.1
May		66.1	81.2	71.2
June		64.4	83.9	71.0
July		66.2	91.3	74.6
August		66.0	91.7	74.6
September		66.0	94.0	75.4
October		60.8	87.4	69.7
November		54.9	83.0	65.0
December		52.2	84.8	63.2
1942				
January		50.5	84.3	61.9
February		45.4	81.5	57.5
March		40.1	75.3	51.9
April		37.5	72.8	49.3
May		39.6	75.8	51.7
June		42.6	74.3	53.2
July		39.3	73.3	50.6
August		38.0	72.3	49.4
September		38.4	72.1	49.7
Weekly Index Numbers				
Week ending Aug.	6th	38.4	72.6	49.8
" " "	13th	38.5	73.3	50.2
" " "	20th	38.1	71.7	49.3
" " "	27th	37.1	72.2	48.9
" " Sept.	3rd	37.7	71.6	49.0
" " "	10th	37.9	71.4	49.1
" " "	17th	38.9	72.0	49.9
" " "	24th	39.6	72.5	50.6
" " Oct.	1st	37.1	72.6	49.0
" " "	8th	33.1	72.9	46.4

INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELDS

Dominion of Canada long-term bond yields increased slightly during September, and the Bureau's index, on the base 1935-1939=100, rose from 99.0 for August to 99.4. The weekly index was unchanged during the first half of the month, but in the week ending September 23 it advanced from 99.3 to 99.6, and remained at that point for the closing week. In the provincial section, price movements, generally, were small. An index of representative Province of Ontario bond yields, based upon information furnished by Wood, Gundy and Company, Limited, mounted from 88.9 for August to 90.3 for September, and the average yield of the issues included advanced from 3.13 to 3.18.

British Consols dropped 7/8 to 82⅓, while the Dow-Jones average of selected United States bonds increased from 89.92 to 90.35. Comparative figures for September 30, 1941, were 82 9/16 and 90.02 respectively.

MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELDS, 1936-1942.
(1935-1939=100)

	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942
January	106.5	95.2	102.2	97.3	109.3	100.6	99.4
February	103.6	100.1	100.8	97.2	107.2	100.8	99.3
March	102.4	106.4	100.3	95.4	107.9	100.5	99.6
April	101.8	107.2	97.4	96.3	105.5	100.6	99.6
May	100.9	106.4	96.3	97.8	104.5	101.1	99.5
June	98.0	105.6	98.0	95.7	107.8	101.9	98.8
July	95.5	104.4	98.7	96.0	107.0	101.5	98.7
August	92.6	102.9	98.8	98.6	104.3	101.2	99.0
September	91.8	103.2	101.9	117.0	103.1	100.3	99.4
October	96.0	106.2	99.3	111.9	102.6	100.2	-
November	94.7	105.7	97.4	108.4	101.9	99.1	-
December	93.3	102.9	97.2	110.5	101.0	99.3	-

WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BONDS, 1942.

	Yields		Yields		Yields
July 8	98.6	August 5	99.0	September 2	99.3
" 15	98.6	" 12	98.6	" 9	99.3
" 22	98.6	" 19	99.0	" 16	99.3
" 29	99.0	" 26	99.3	" 23	99.6
				" 30	99.6

EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS AT MONTREAL, AUGUST 1939 AND 1940-1942.

Note: The noon rates in Canadian Funds upon which these averages are based have been supplied by the Bank of Canada.

	New York Funds $	London Sterling $	(A) Argentine Peso (Paper) $	(A) Brazil Milreis $	India Rupee $
1939 - August	1.0047	4.6327	.2321	.0504	.3346
1940	*1.1050	*4.450	.2539	.0557	.3359
1941	1.1050	4.450	.2621	.0563	.3356
1942 - March	1.1050	4.450	.2627	.0571	.3359
April	1.1050	4.450	.2628	.0571	.3359
May	1.1050	4.450	.2618	.0571	.3359
June	1.1050	4.450	.2611	.0571	.3359
July	1.1050	4.450	.2622	.0571	.3359
August	1.1050	4.450	.2636	.0571	.3359
September	1.1050	4.450	.2631	.0571	.3359

* Since September 16, 1939, quotations used are the average of the daily buying and selling rate of the Foreign Exchange Control Board. The current buying and selling rate for sterling is $4.43 and $4.47 and U.S. funds $1.10 and $1.11.

(A) Unofficial.

MONTHLY INDEXES OF AMERICAN STOCK PRICES, 1938-1942.
(Issued by Standard and Poor's Trade Securities)
(1935-1939=100)

	Composite	Industrials	Railroads	Utilities
1938 - August	94.0	97.0	73.0	87.2
September	89.6	92.7	65.5	83.2
October	98.5	101.2	77.8	92.7
November	99.4	102.1	79.1	94.0
December	97.1	100.0	76.4	90.7
Year	88.2	90.1	69.5	85.6
1939 - January	97.0	98.7	79.0	94.9
February	95.1	96.0	74.3	97.9
March	96.0	96.6	77.7	99.6
April	85.0	85.1	63.9	92.5
May	98.4	88.3	67.0	96.8
June	89.9	89.9	67.5	98.1
July	91.8	91.8	69.2	100.1
August	90.7	90.4	66.8	101.1
September	99.7	101.3	82.4	98.4
October	100.7	101.8	83.2	100.4
November	98.9	99.6	82.8	101.8
December	97.0	97.6	78.4	101.3
Year	95.1	94.8	74.7	98.8
1940 - January	97.1	97.7	77.7	103.0
February	96.8	97.1	76.5	102.4
March	96.7	97.3	76.7	101.6
April	98.1	98.7	77.3	102.6
May	85.1	85.2	65.4	92.3
June	78.1	77.3	60.8	88.5
July	85.8	79.3	65.2	93.9
August	81.6	80.3	66.0	93.5
September	85.5	84.6	71.6	94.7
October	86.0	85.4	72.6	93.7
November	86.7	86.6	73.6	92.3
December	84.9	84.9	70.0	90.6
Year	88.5	87.9	71.1	95.8
1941 - January	85.0	84.7	73.4	91.1
February	80.1	79.4	70.0	87.1
March	80.3	79.6	70.6	87.1
April	77.9	77.3	71.2	83.1
May	77.1	77.3	70.7	78.9
June	79.5	79.7	70.9	81.6
July	83.2	84.2	73.8	81.8
August	83.2	84.3	74.4	81.0
September	83.6	84.8	72.6	81.3
October	80.4	81.6	70.3	78.5
November	77.4	78.6	68.4	74.5
December	71.8	73.8	61.0	66.2
1942 - January	72.6	74.3	69.0	66.1
February	69.9	71.0	68.4	64.5
March	66.0	67.2	65.0	60.5
April	63.3	64.8	61.1	56.5
May	63.2	64.7	60.3	67.2
June	66.1	68.2	59.0	58.8
July	68.2	70.6	62.9	58.4
August	68.3	70.5	65.4	58.8
September 2nd week	69.2	71.3	66.2	59.6

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PRICE MOVEMENTS, OCTOBER, 1942.

WHOLESALE: Reflecting advances in four of the eight component groups, the composite wholesale monthly index gained 0.8 points to 96.8 between September and October. Compared with August, 1939 when the index stood at 72.3, there has been an increase of 33.9 p.c. Among group changes during the month, animal products registered the sharpest increase with a gain of 2.9 points to 104.5, while wood, wood products and paper stiffened 0.9 points to 102.6, vegetable products 0.5 to 85.6, and non-metallic minerals 0.1 to 100.1. Other groups were steady with the exception of chemicals and allied products which declined 0.2 to 102.0. The monthly index for 30 industrial materials moved up 0.2 points to 95.0 in October, while during the same period sub-group changes were mixed. The food series of five items declined 0.5 points to 87.4 due to lower quotations for oats and steers which outweighed firmer prices for wheat and hogs. On the other hand, both the stable group of 12 commodities and the manufacturing group of 13 items moved up, the former gaining 0.4 points to 114.4 on higher prices for spruce lumber, and the latter stiffening 0.3 to 82.6 due to a small advance in rosin. Continued strength in animal products, reflecting seasonal gains for hides and skins and eggs, advanced the composite index for Canadian farm products 1.4 points to 85.7 between September and October. Field products moved up 0.3 points to 67.9 in the same interval due to advances for grains, potatoes and onions.

COST OF LIVING: (Wartime increase 16.9 per cent - from 100.8 to 117.8). The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index advanced from 117.4 on September 1 to 117.8 on October 1, 1942. This index which has been specified as the basis for calculating cost-of-living bonus adjustments under Order-in-Council P.C. 5963 has increased 16.9 per cent between August 1939 and October 1942. In compliance with Order-in-Council P.C. 6219 as amended, the price of cigarettes and tobacco in the October index does not include the tax imposed on June 24, 1942, under the Special War Revenue Act. The October increase was due mainly to higher food prices although moderate seasonal increases also occurred for coal. The food index advanced from 128.5 in September to 129.8 for October 1. Eggs and oranges moved sharply higher and increases of lesser importance were recorded for butter, lard, several canned vegetables, and lemons. Most meats averaged slightly lower on October 1, as did cheese and potatoes. The fuel and light index mounted from 112.5 to 112.8 because of the coal price increases already noted. The October rental survey showed small advances in a few localities, but these were insufficient to change the Dominion rent index, which remained at 111.3. Other group indexes also remained unchanged for October, clothing at 120.1, homefurnishings and services at 117.8, and miscellaneous items at 107.1.

SECURITIES: Continued selective strength in industrials and utilities moved the Investors' monthly index for 95 common stocks up to 65.0 for October, for a gain of 2.4 points over September. Among sub-groups, outstanding strength was noted for transportation issues which moved up a further 10.9 points to 73.4, industrial mines advanced 4.3 points to 68.4, milling stocks 2.9 to 64.9 and oils 2.0 to 51.0. Registering an increase for the first time in several months bank shares gained 1.3 to 70.3 in October. In the mining stock section relatively sharp declines for gold stocks and small losses for base metals lowered the composite index for 25 representative shares 3.5 points to 46.2 between September and October. Golds dropped 5.1 points to 33.3 while base metal issues eased 0.3 to 71.8. Based upon a 15-year 3 per cent theoretical issue a monthly index of Dominion of Canada long-term bond yields advanced 0.2 points in October to 99.6.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX MOVEMENTS BETWEEN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER, 1942

VEGETABLE PRODUCTS: The composite index for vegetable products advanced 0.5 points to 85.6 for October. Among sub-groups fresh fruits gained 9.4 points to 143.9, due to higher prices for oranges and lemons. Grains closed 0.2 points higher, an increase in wheat being of more importance than declines in oats, barley and rye. Flax was unchanged.

In the flour and other milled products section small declines in oatmeal and rolled oats offset an increase in Ontario winter wheat flour to lower the index 0.1 to 78.3. Onions closed 4.2 points higher at 92.5, while potatoes moved up 1.6 points to 77.4 on higher quotations at all centres except Montreal. An increase in canned corn advanced canned vegetables 0.6 to 80.9, while in the miscellaneous section a rosin price advance accounted for an 0.3 point gain to 87.9. October wheat receipts by western farmers to country elevators aggregated about 55 million bushels compared with 27 million bushels in September and 38 millions in October, 1941. Improved weather conditions have aided harvesting operations considerably with threshing almost completed in Manitoba, 93 p.c. completed in Saskatchewan and 83 p.c. in Alberta. Reports from wholesalers indicated canned vegetable packs for 1942 have been relatively light with the exception of peas, while canned fruits were mixed, small raspberry and strawberry packs being offset by good peach and pear packs.

ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS: Price movements in the animal products group were generally upward in October and the index advanced from 101.6 in September to 104.5. Fishery products, hides and skins, livestock, fresh meats, milk and its products, oils and fats, and eggs averaged higher while furs and poultry were the only main sub-groups to decline. The livestock index moved up narrowly from 128.6 to 128.7 but all classes did not share in the rise. Cattle prices fell an average of 1.5 p.c. below September, although good steers up to 1050 pounds at Winnipeg moved 34¢ per cwt. above the previous month. Cattle markets strengthened initially but later fell back, particularly in the east, as runs became decidedly heavier and the quality of offerings was lowered. Shipments to plants and yards in October totalled 118,489 head, 31,844 head greater than in September. Calf prices moved down about 4 p.c. between September and October. Early in the month an order was issued by the Wartime Food Corporation requiring that all calves be sold in the domestic market and prohibiting exports to the United States except through the Corporation. Lamb and hog prices averaged approximately 1½ and 7 p.c. respectively, above September levels. Hog markets were stimulated chiefly by the announcement of a 10 p.c. increase in the new contract price for bacon exported to the United Kingdom after November 1. Under the 1942-43 agreement the price of Grade "A" Wiltshires was advanced from $19.77 to $21.75 per cwt. f.a.s. Canadian seaboard. Following an upward revision of 1½¢ per pound in the maximum wholesale prices of beef, the index for fresh meats advanced from 112.2 to 117.4 between September and October. Fishery products rose from 113.7 to 115.1 owing to higher quotations for dry shore cod fish. Hides and skins advanced from 105.8 to 114.6 as prices of sheepskins continued upward. Butter prices again moved forward narrowly, the average price of creamery prints at six representative Canadian cities being 36.3¢ per pound or 1/5¢ above September. Cold storage stocks of creamery butter as reported by the Agricultural Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics were 43,862,000 pounds on November 1 compared with 52,593,000 pounds on the first of the previous month. By an order of the Commodity Prices Stabilization Corporation, on or after October 26 all applications for the export of creamery butter must be accompanied by the payment of 5¢ per pound for the amount exported. An index of oils and fats prices at 76.5 was 4.7 p.c. over September owing to higher lard quotations. The greatest gain occurred in the egg index which moved up sharply from 92.3 to 115.1. Canadian egg markets remained strong under short supplies which fell below requirements in many centres. As calculated by the Agricultural Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, cold storage stocks dropped from 6,831,000 dozen on October 1 to 2,441,000 dozen on the first of the following month. The fur price index moved down from 68.7 to 66.9 between September and October due to a 17 p.c. decline in the average selling price of silver fox pelts ½ to ¾ silver.

FIBRES, TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS: The composite index for fibres, textiles and textile products held unchanged at 92.0 in October with all sub-groups also remaining stationary. Consumption of raw cotton in mills during October, while estimated to be higher than the September figure of 38,013 bales, was expected to be below total bale openings in October of 1941. The drop in cotton bale openings was attributed in part to the employment of a greater proportion of unskilled labourers. There has been no official statement yet by the Commodity Prices Stabilization Corporation regarding subsidy payments on future supplies of raw cotton. It has been estimated that 80 p.c. of cotton mill activity is now on direct and indirect war orders and essential civilian lines leaving only 20 p.c. for residual civilian trade. Reports indicate a shortage of cotton yarns which will have repercussions on civilian supplies of knitted underwear in 1943. In the woollen section, allocations under the No.13 wool goods order by the Department of Munitions and Supply are practically completed for a total of 8,461,000 yards of cloth. Orders already placed are considered sufficient to maintain war goods production in the woollen and worsted industry at 80 p.c. of capacity until the second half of 1943.

WOOD, WOOD PRODUCTS AND PAPER: The composite wood, wood products and paper index moved up 0.9 to 102.6 in October, reflecting higher lumber prices. Price increases for certain

lumber descriptions had been foreshadowed in the Timber Controller's outline of an eight-point programme on September 1. The pine sub-group with an index increase of 7.5 points to 139.1 registered the sharpest gain during the month; hemlock advanced 4.4 points to 152.8; and spruce moved up 2.6 points to 131.4. Other series were unchanged, hardwoods at 104.8, fir at 125.9, and cedar at 161.1. Production, with its attendant labour problems, continued to receive serious consideration. According to the Minister of Lands for British Columbia, current log stocks were practically exhausted while in other years there have been between 200 and 300 million feet available at this time. More effective conservation of building materials through permit requirements for civilian house building was announced by the Controller of Construction in October.

IRON AND STEEL: Prices of iron and steel products continued firm in October, with the index for the group holding at 115.3, the same level as has obtained since May. To offset the reduced imports now available from the United States and to meet the growing war demand for steel, still further restrictions were placed on steel manufactures and rationing of new farm machinery was instituted as from October 6. By order S.C.21, the sale, purchase and consumption of pig iron were prohibited except under permit. Owing to the acute shortage of scrap, plans have been made by the Department of Munitions and Supply and other services to collect 1,000,000 tons of scrap metal before the close of the year. The Canadian output of pig iron in September at 155,900 tons was 6,678 tons less than in August. The output of steel ingots and castings at 244,922 was also lower by 3,946 tons, but the daily output of 8,164 tons was 136 tons greater than in the previous month.

NON-FERROUS METALS: The composite price index for non-ferrous metals recorded no change between September and October, holding at a level of 79.7. Because of lower copper production the Dominion Government recently took over control of the Britannia Mining and Smelting Company at Howe Sound and the Granby Consolidated Mining Company at Copper Mountain. Virgin tin, held by 300 owners is being purchased for government account, it was reported recently. Designed to conserve supplies of copper, tin, zinc, nickel, aluminium and other critical metals the Controller of Construction, Department of Munitions and Supply, has announced new restrictions through the licensing for non-essential building activities.

NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS: Due to a 5 p.c. rise in the price of brick sold in Ontario and Quebec, the index of the non-metallic mineral group rose .1 to 100.1 in October. With the demand for petroleum products for military purposes increasing, rations of gasolene for non-essential purposes were again reduced. On October 1, allowances in the prairie provinces were cut by one-fifth and on October 19 a further cut of one-quarter became effective throughout Canada, except in the Maritimes, where the lower rate had been established already. To conserve glass, an order was issued by the Administrator of Glass and Glass Products, reducing by 50 p.c. the number of sizes of glass containers for food products to be manufactured after December 31. Standard sizes by fluid ounces have been established for each product.

CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS: Lower quotations for fertilizers and certain inorganic chemicals reduced the index for chemicals and allied products by .2 points to 102.0 in October. The fertilizer price index at 84.9 was 4 p.c. below September, and a 3½ p.c. drop in calcium carbide brought inorganic chemicals down .5 points to 88.4. Industrial gases moved narrowly upward to 83.9 from 83.7. Sales of quinine and the use of quinine in compounds were restricted as from October 1 by order of the Chemical Controller. A later order C.C. 16 issued on October 20, made necessary the recovery of sal ammoniac skimmings from all hot galvanizing operations, with the disposal of these skimmings to be under the direction of the controller.

Weekly Index Numbers of 30 Industrial Material Prices
(1926=100)

Month	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
October, 1942	94.8	95.0	95.1	95.0	94.9
September, 1942	94.7	94.9	94.8	94.9	-
August, 1942	94.3	94.4	94.3	94.4	-
July, 1942	95.0	94.7	94.8	94.7	94.6

Weekly Index Numbers of Canadian Farm Products
(1926=100)

Month	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
October, 1942	85.0	85.5	85.7	85.9	85.9
September, 1942	*84.3	*84.3	*83.9	*84.3	-
August, 1942	80.7	81.5	81.4	80.7	-
July, 1942	81.8	82.3	81.9	80.8	80.8

* Revised to include Dominion subsidy on price of milk paid to producers.

SUMMARY TABLES OF CANADIAN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS
(1926=100)

	General Wholesale Price Index	Consumers' Goods	Producers' Goods	Building Materials	Raw and Partly Manu-factured Goods	Fully and Chiefly Manu-factured Goods	Canadian Farm Products			Industrial Materials	Thirteen Sensitive Materials
							Field	Animal	Total		
1913	64.0	62.0	67.7	67.0	63.8	64.8	56.4	77.0	64.1	-	-
1920	155.9	136.1	164.3	144.0	154.1	156.5	166.5	150.8	160.6	-	-
1929	95.6	94.7	96.1	99.0	97.5	93.0	93.8	112.5	100.8	91.8	87.2
1933	67.1	71.1	63.1	78.3	56.6	70.2	45.8	59.7	51.0	54.1	43.8
1939	75.4	75.9	70.4	89.7	67.4	75.3	54.2	81.2	64.3	69.0	57.0
1940	82.9	83.4	78.7	95.6	75.3	81.5	56.0	85.8	67.1	79.0	65.9
1941	90.0	91.1	83.6	107.3	81.8	88.8	56.5	95.9	71.2	87.3	75.0
1939 August	72.3	72.7	66.7	90.2	62.8	72.6	48.2	75.4	58.4	65.3	52.9
1940											
September	83.0	84.0	78.3	97.6	74.4	81.6	50.7	85.8	63.8	78.2	63.1
October	83.3	84.1	78.4	98.0	74.8	81.8	51.1	87.3	64.6	78.8	64.0
November	84.0	84.8	78.8	98.2	76.1	82.4	52.5	91.0	66.9	79.8	66.0
December	84.2	85.2	79.1	98.0	76.2	83.0	52.5	91.6	67.1	79.1	64.7
1941											
January	84.8	85.5	79.8	99.1	76.6	83.4	53.6	90.0	67.2	80.1	65.7
February	85.4	85.7	80.5	100.2	77.7	83.8	54.4	91.6	68.3	81.2	66.9
March	86.0	86.2	81.3	100.6	78.9	84.3	55.6	91.8	69.1	82.3	68.6
April	86.8	87.1	81.6	100.9	79.3	85.4	55.9	92.2	69.5	83.4	70.8
May	88.8	88.8	83.5	107.7	80.8	87.2	55.5	93.3	69.6	86.5	73.6
June	90.1	90.6	84.2	108.4	81.8	88.9	57.1	94.3	71.0	88.0	75.4
July	91.3	92.1	84.6	109.8	82.5	90.4	57.1	96.1	71.7	89.3	77.6
August	92.1	93.5	84.6	111.5	83.5	91.0	56.7	97.9	72.1	90.3	79.7
September	93.4	95.4	85.6	112.1	84.7	92.5	57.6	99.6	73.3	91.5	80.5
October	94.0	96.6	85.8	112.0	85.4	93.1	57.9	101.1	74.1	91.3	80.6
November	94.0	96.7	85.4	112.0	85.4	93.1	57.4	102.0	74.1	91.0	80.4
December	93.6	95.3	85.8	112.8	85.7	92.1	59.2	100.5	74.6	91.7	80.4
1942											
January	94.3	95.3	86.8	113.1	87.2	92.0	62.8	101.5	77.3	92.4	80.4
February	94.6	94.9	87.2	113.3	87.8	91.7	64.3	102.1	78.4	93.2	80.8
March	95.1	95.4	87.4	114.2	88.4	92.1	64.6	102.7	78.8	93.3	80.9
April	95.0	95.1	87.7	114.4	88.6	91.9	65.0	103.7	79.5	93.5	80.9
May	95.2	95.1	88.3	114.4	89.4	91.6	65.5	104.8	80.2	94.2	81.5
June	95.8	96.0	88.7	114.2	90.5	91.5	66.3	107.0	81.5	94.8	81.6
July	96.1	96.6	88.0	113.8	90.4	91.9	67.7	103.6	81.1	94.6	82.0
August	95.6	95.3	88.7	113.8	89.7	91.8	68.4	102.9	81.3	94.3	81.8
September	96.0	96.0	89.1	114.1	91.4	92.0	67.6	112.3	84.3	94.8	82.3
October	96.8	96.9	89.3	115.5	93.1	92.2	67.9	115.5	85.7	95.0	82.6

COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Note: Wholesale price indexes appearing in this bulletin are subject to revision.

	Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1941	Oct. 1941	August 1942	Sept. 1942	Oct. 1942
	Total Index	526	90.0	93.9	95.6	96.0	96.8
I.	Vegetable Products	123	77.0	80.0	85.1	85.1	85.6
	Fruits	14	88.6	104.9	111.1	121.5	128.6
	Fresh	4	91.8	110.6	120.5	134.5	143.9
	Dried	4	82.2	92.9	92.2	91.2	91.5
	Canned	6	75.5	82.8	73.5	73.5	73.5
	Grains	22	56.2	56.9	66.1	66.8	67.0
	Flour and Milled Products	12	76.7	75.7	78.5	78.4	78.3
	Bakery Products	2	86.3	86.8	86.8	86.8	86.8
	Vegetable Oils	4	109.8	129.9	132.2	132.2	132.2
	Rubber and Its Products	7	74.2	75.8	75.7	75.7	75.7
	Sugar and Its Products and Glucose	8	115.9	120.3	120.6	120.6	120.6
	Tea, Coffee, Cocoa and Spices	13	109.1	126.0	122.7	122.7	122.7
	Vegetables	13	66.1	68.3	86.4	77.9	79.6
II.	Animals and Their Products	75	92.1	101.1	99.5	101.6	104.5
	Fishery Products	16	92.9	100.7	108.1	113.7	115.1
	Furs	9	80.5	95.6	74.5	68.7	66.9
	Hides and Skins	6	110.3	115.7	100.3	105.8	114.6
	Leather, Unmanufactured	9	106.3	110.6	111.9	111.9	111.9
	Boots and Shoes	2	103.5	107.2	105.3	105.7	105.7
	Live Stock	4	110.0	113.2	126.6	128.6	128.7
	Meats and Poultry	9	94.9	101.4	106.4	103.4	105.9
	Milk and Its Products	12	93.2	101.8	95.8	101.6	102.0
	Fats	5	63.3	85.1	73.1	73.1	76.5
	Eggs	3	70.8	92.9	83.8	92.3	115.1
III.	Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	64	91.0	97.2	91.9	92.0	92.0
	Cotton, Raw	2	98.4	114.7	119.0	119.0	119.0
	Cotton Fabrics	19	87.8	97.4	82.5	82.5	82.5
	Knit Goods	3	95.4	104.1	98.9	98.9	98.9
	Flax, Hemp and Jute Products	6	86.0	92.0	92.2	92.2	92.2
	Rayon and Silk Hosiery	1	70.2	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1
	Rayon Fabrics	2	69.0	69.0	67.2	67.2	67.2
	Artificial Silk Products	2	49.0	50.4	49.0	49.0	49.0
	Wool, Raw	3	95.0	95.1	94.7	94.7	94.7
	Wool Hosiery and Knit Goods	5	108.2	108.8	108.8	108.8	108.8
	Wool Cloth	6	104.5	106.3	105.2	105.2	105.2
IV.	Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	96.0	98.7	101.5	101.7	102.6
	Newsprint and Wrapping Paper	2	74.0	74.0	74.0	74.0	74.0
	Lumber	33	120.6	127.9	131.7	132.4	135.1
	Pulp	3	108.9	108.9	119.0	119.0	119.0
	Furniture	10	99.1	103.9	104.7	104.7	104.7
V.	Iron and Its Products	44	111.3	112.8	115.3	115.3	115.3
	Pig Iron and Steel Billets	3	101.7	101.7	104.8	104.8	104.8
	Rolling Mill Products	14	115.0	117.0	121.3	121.3	121.3
	Hardware	16	92.5	93.9	93.9	93.9	93.9
	Wire	3	99.3	100.4	100.4	100.4	100.4
	Scrap	5	112.3	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9
VI.	Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	17	77.7	77.6	77.7	79.7	79.7
	Brass and Copper Products	5	86.3	86.7	86.7	86.7	86.7
	Lead and Its Products	2	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1
	Tin Ingots	2	91.1	92.7	95.6	95.6	95.6
	Zinc and Its Products	2	59.1	59.2	59.1	59.1	59.1
	Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products (V and VI above)	61	100.1	101.1	103.0	103.6	103.4

COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1941	Oct. 1941	Aug. 1942	Sept. 1942	Oct. 1942
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	81	95.6	98.9	100.0	100.0	100.1
Clay and Allied Material Products	10	93.7	96.3	96.3	96.3	101.3
Coal	13	108.3	110.8	113.7	113.8	113.8
Coke	4	121.8	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5
Manufactured Gas	3	103.4	103.5	103.5	103.5	103.5
Glass and Its Products	6	102.8	104.4	104.4	104.4	104.4
Petroleum Products	5	78.9	85.1	85.1	85.1	85.1
Asphalt	2	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3
Salt	4	123.6	130.6	130.6	130.6	130.6
Lime	4	108.4	111.8	112.2	112.2	112.2
Cement	1	104.1	106.5	106.5	106.5	106.5
Sand and Gravel	8	87.6	87.3	87.3	87.3	87.3
Crushed Stone	3	78.5	80.3	80.3	80.3	80.3
Building Stone	3	68.4	70.8	70.8	70.8	70.8
Asbestos	8	74.1	74.1	74.1	74.1	74.1
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	73	98.9	103.7	102.3	102.2	102.0
Inorganic Chemicals	22	89.2	89.5	89.4	88.9	88.4
Organic Chemicals	5	86.0	87.6	90.4	90.4	90.4
Coal Tar Products	2	90.7	91.1	91.1	91.1	91.1
Dyeing and Tanning Materials	10	131.4	136.4	136.4	136.4	136.4
Explosives	2	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1
Paints, Prepared	1	79.7	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5
Drugs and Pharmaceutical Chemicals	8	162.6	173.3	176.0	175.7	175.7
Fertilizers	10	87.9	88.1	88.1	88.1	84.9
Industrial Gases	2	85.1	83.0	83.7	83.7	83.9

PURPOSE CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

I. CONSUMERS' GOODS (Groups A and B)	215	91.1	96.6	95.3	96.0	96.9
A. Foods, Beverages and Tobacco	118	89.5	96.0	97.2	98.5	100.7
Beverages	8	112.9	131.7	125.8	125.8	125.8
Flour and Milled Products	12	76.7	75.7	78.5	78.4	78.3
Bakery Products	2	86.3	86.8	86.8	86.8	86.8
Fish	16	92.9	100.7	108.1	113.7	115.1
Fruits	14	88.6	104.9	111.1	121.5	128.6
Meats and Poultry	9	94.9	101.4	106.4	103.4	105.9
Milk and Milk Products	12	93.2	101.8	95.8	101.7	102.0
Sugar and Its Products	8	115.9	120.3	120.6	120.6	120.6
Vegetables	13	66.1	68.3	86.4	77.9	79.6
Eggs	3	70.8	92.9	83.8	92.3	115.1
Tobacco	7	41.9	41.8	45.7	45.7	45.7
B. Other Consumers' Goods	97	92.2	97.0	94.1	94.3	94.3
Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Rubbers, Hosiery and Underwear	48	91.4	96.7	90.7	90.9	90.9
Household Equipment and Supplies	49	92.9	97.3	96.7	96.8	96.8
II. PRODUCERS' GOODS (Groups C and D)	377	83.6	85.7	88.7	89.1	89.3
C. Producers' Equipment	24	105.7	107.9	110.5	110.4	110.4
Tools	3	93.7	98.1	98.1	98.1	98.1
Light, Heat and Power Equipment and Supplies	17	106.9	109.2	112.0	111.9	111.9
Explosives	2	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1
Miscellaneous	2	100.8	100.8	100.8	100.8	100.8

PURPOSE CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1941	Oct. 1941	Aug. 1942	Sept. 1942	Oct. 1942
D. Producers' Materials	353	81.1	83.2	86.3	86.7	86.9
Building and Construction Materials	110	107.3	112.1	113.8	114.1	115.5
+Lumber	33	120.6	127.9	131.7	132.4	135.1
Paint	12	82.3	87.3	86.6	86.6	86.6
Miscellaneous	65	100.8	103.1	103.5	103.5	103.9
Manufacturers' Materials	243	76.6	78.3	81.6	82.1	82.1
Textiles and Clothing	46	88.2	94.5	86.9	87.0	87.0
Furs and Leather Goods	24	98.0	106.1	97.4	96.2	96.7
For Metal Working Industries	40	84.9	85.1	86.4	87.9	87.4
For Chemical Using Industries	42	96.5	97.9	98.9	98.6	98.3
For Meat Packing Industries	4	110.0	113.2	126.6	128.6	128.7
For Milling and Other Industries	22	56.2	56.9	66.1	66.8	67.0
Miscellaneous Producers' Materials	65	78.8	80.0	81.7	81.4	81.3

ORIGIN CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Total Raw and Partly Manufactured	223	81.8	85.4	89.7	91.4	93.1
Total Fully and Chiefly Manufactured	302	88.8	93.1	91.8	92.0	92.2
I. Articles of Farm Origin (Domestic and Foreign)						
A. Field						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	84	63.2	66.1	73.7	73.7	74.4
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured	83	86.8	90.6	88.8	88.8	88.8
(c) Total	167	75.9	79.3	81.8	81.8	82.2
B. Animal						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	36	95.0	101.0	100.0	106.3	111.0
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured	54	89.0	97.2	93.6	94.0	94.4
(c) Total	90	91.6	98.8	96.4	99.3	101.6
C. Canadian Farm Products						
(1) Field	50	56.5	57.9	68.4	67.6	67.9
(2) Animal	18	95.9	101.1	102.9	112.3	115.5
(3) Total	68	71.2	74.1	81.3	84.3	85.7
II. Articles of Marine Origin						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	7	79.6	84.5	99.2	99.8	99.8
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured	9	96.8	107.7	113.6	120.6	124.3
(c) Total	16	92.1	101.4	109.7	115.0	117.7
+III. Articles of Forest Origin						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	37	117.1	122.1	127.8	128.3	130.2
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured	20	76.9	77.6	77.6	77.6	77.6
(c) Total	57	95.6	98.3	101.0	101.2	102.1
IV. Articles of Mineral Origin						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	59	92.5	93.4	95.2	96.0	95.7
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured	136	98.0	100.7	101.5	101.5	101.5
(c) Total	195	95.5	97.4	98.7	99.0	98.9

+ Includes both domestic and export prices.

WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES
(All prices given in Canadian Funds)

Commodity		Yearly Average 1941	Oct. 1941	Aug. 1942	Sept. 1942	Oct. 1942
		$	$	$	$	$
OATS, No. 2 C.W. Ft. William and Pt.Arthur cash basis	Bush,	.408	.473	.461 1	.484	.480
WHEAT, No. 1 Man. Northern Ft. William and Pt.Arthur cash basis	Bush	.747	.737	.889	.896	.900
FLOUR, First Patent, 2-98's Cotton, Toronto		5.529	5.050	5.050	5.050	5.050
SUGAR, Granulated, Montreal	Cwt.	6.643	6.893	6.893	6.893	6.893
RUBBER, Ceylon, ribbed, smoked Sheets, f.o.b. New York	Lb.	.273	.277	.275	.275	.275
LINSEED OIL, Raw, Montreal	Gal.	.834	.870	.900	.900	.900
CATTLE, Steers, good up to 1050 lbs. Toronto	Cwt.	8.694	8.810	9.840	10.450	10.050
HOGS, BI, Dressed, Toronto	Cwt.	13.240	14.780	16.110	15.600	16.380
BEEF HIDES, Packer Hides Native Steers, Toronto	Lb.	.149	.150	.150	.150	.150
LEATHER, Packer crops, No. I and II f.o.b. Distributing points	Lb.	.474	.480	.480	.480	.480
BOX SIDES D, f.o.b. Ont. factory	Ft.	.225	2.40	.240	.240	.240
BUTTER, Creamery prints, first grade Montreal	Lb.	.348	.343	.361	.367	.369
CHEESE, Canada, old, large Montreal	Lb.	.271	.350	.340	.340	.340
EGGS, Grade "A" large Montreal	Doz.	.346	.499	.429	.462	.510
COTTON, raw 1" - 1 1/16" Hamilton	Lb.	.188	.217	.223	.223	.223
COTTON YARNS, 10's white single Hosiery cops, Mill	Lb.	.344	.380	.293	.293	.293
WOOL, eastern bright ¼ blood domestic, f.o.b. Ontario	Lb.	.310	.310	.310	.310	.310
WOOL, western range, semi-bright ½ blood, domestic, f.o.b. Ontario	Lb.	.263	.264	.260	.260	.260
(A) Pulp, groundwood, No. 1 delivered, Eastern Continental Divide	Ton	44.000	44.000	50.600	50.600	50.600
STEEL, Merchant bars, mild Mill	100 Lbs.	2.686	2.754	2.754	2.754	2.754
PIG IRON, foundry No. 1. f.o.b. Plant	Gross Ton	25.500	25.500	25.500	25.500	25.500
COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic Montreal	Cwt.	11.500	11.500	11.500	11.500	11.500
LEAD, domestic, f.o.b. carlots Montreal	Cwt.	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000
TIN INGOTS, Straits, f.o.b. Toronto	Lb.	.618	.620	.620	.620	.620
ZINC, domestic, f.o.b. carlots Montreal	Cwt.	5.150	5.150	5.150	5.150	5.150
COAL, Anthracite, Toronto f.o.b. carlots	Ton	12.138	12.499	12.553	12.553	12.553
COAL, Bituminous, N.S. run-of-mine	Ton	5.650	5.700	5.700	5.700	5.700
(B) GASOLENE, Standard Toronto	Gal.	.193	.215	.215	.215	.215
SULPHURIC ACID 66° Baume f.o.b. works	Net Ton	17.250	18.000	18.000	18.000	18.000

(A) Groundwood Pulp delivered to consumers' Mills, east of Continental Divide, (exclusive of Denver).

(B) 1942 - Federal Tax included.

PRICE INDEX NUMBER SYNOPSIS

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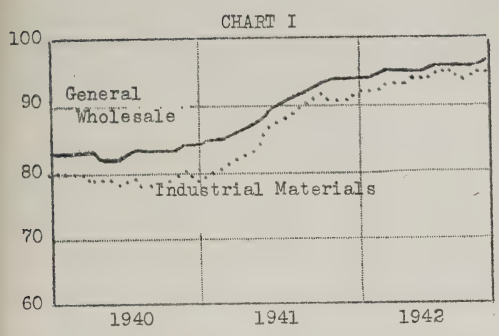

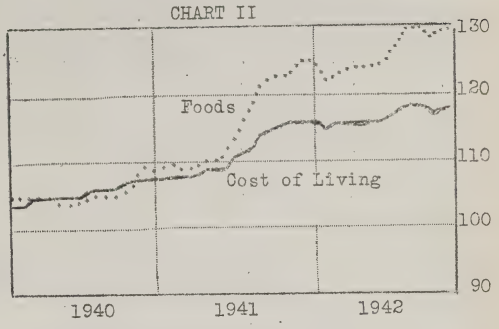

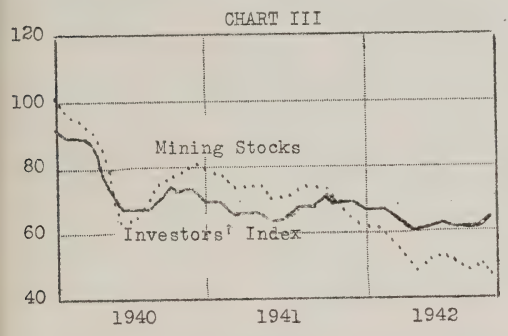

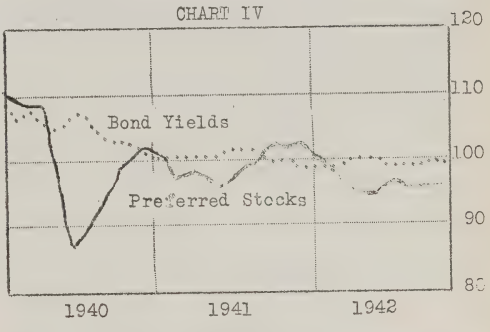

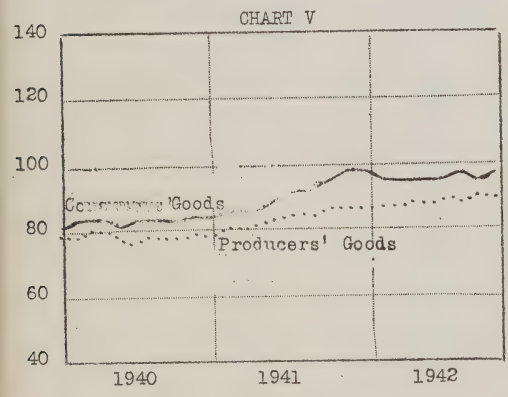

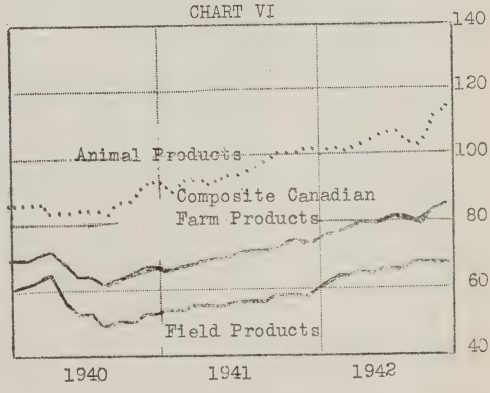

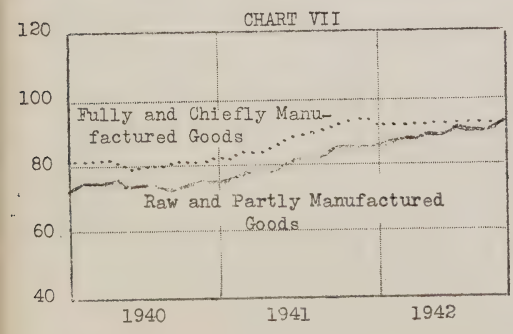

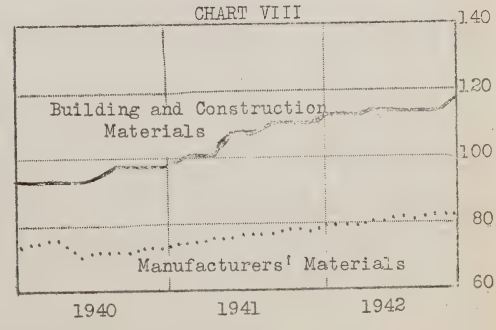

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS IN CANADA, OCTOBER 1, 1942
(Calculations based on prices for the first business day of each month)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of living costs on the base 1935-1939=100, rose from 117.4 on September 1st to 117.8 on October 1st. The index has risen 16.9 per cent between August 1939 and October 1942. Higher prices for foods, supplemented by a moderate increase in fuel, accounted for the advance.

An index for 46 food items moved up from 128.5 to 129.8 between September and October. Sharp seasonal gains in egg prices accounted mainly for the advance, increases of lesser importance for fruits and dairy products being counterbalanced by easier quotations for vegetables and meats. Single commodities other than eggs to record increases were: Butter, lard, canned vegetables, lemons and oranges. Potatoes, onions, meats and cheese averaged lower.

The fuel and lighting index rose from 112.5 to 112.8, following a moderate increase in the coal sub-group. Indexes for other groups were unchanged.

An index for retail prices along, reflecting the increased food costs, was up from 123.0 to 123.7.

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS, 1913-OCTOBER 1, 1942.
(1935-1939=100)

	Total Index	Food Index	Rent Index	Fuel and Lighting Index	Clothing Index	Home Furnishings and Miscellaneous Index	Retail Prices Index (Commodities only)
1913	79.7	88.3	74.3	76.9	88.0	70.3	-
1914	80.0	91.9	72.1	75.4	88.9	70.3	-
1917	104.5	133.3	75.8	83.8	130.3	81.5	-
1918	118.3	152.8	80.2	92.2	152.3	91.4	-
1920	150.5	188.1	100.2	119.9	213.1	110.3	-
1926	121.8	133.3	115.9	116.8	139.1	106.1	-
1929	121.7	134.7	119.7	112.6	134.8	105.0	-
1930	120.8	131.5	122.7	111.8	130.6	105.4	-
1934	95.6	92.7	93.2	102.1	97.1	97.8	-

	Percentage Increase Since Aug.1,1939						Home Furnishings and Services Index	Miscellaneous Index	
1935		96.2	94.6	94.0	100.9	97.6	95.4	98.7	95.9
1936		98.1	97.8	96.1	101.5	99.3	97.2	99.1	98.1
1937		101.2	103.2	99.7	98.9	101.4	101.5	100.1	102.0
1938		102.2	103.8	103.1	97.7	100.9	102.4	101.2	102.8
1939		101.5	100.6	103.8	101.2	100.7	101.4	101.4	101.0
1940		105.6	105.6	106.3	107.1	109.2	107.2	102.3	106.6
1941	10.8	111.7	116.1	109.4	110.3	116.1	113.8	105.1	114.9
1939 Aug. 1		100.8	99.3	103.8	99.0	100.1	100.9	101.3	100.0
1941 Sept.2	13.8	114.7	123.3	109.7	110.9	117.4	115.8	106.4	119.4
Oct. 1	14.6	115.5	123.2	111.2	112.1	119.6	117.3	106.5	120.1
Nov. 1	15.4	116.3	125.4	111.2	112.7	120.0	117.9	106.7	121.4
Dec. 1	14.9	115.8	123.8	111.2	112.7	119.9	117.9	106.7	120.6
1942 Jan. 2	14.5	115.4	122.3	111.2	112.9	119.9	118.0	106.8	119.9
Feb. 2	14.8	115.7	123.1	111.2	112.9	119.8	118.0	107.1	120.3
Mar. 2	15.0	115.9	123.7	111.2	112.9	119.8	118.0	107.1	120.6
April 1	15.0	115.9	123.7	111.2	112.9	119.8	118.1	107.1	120.6
May 1	15.2	116.1	124.3	111.3	112.9	119.9	118.0	107.1	120.9
June 1	15.8	116.7	126.2	111.3	112.6	119.9	117.9	107.1	121.8
July 2	17.0	117.9	130.3	111.3	112.5	120.0	117.9	107.1	123.9
Aug. 1	16.8	117.7	129.6	111.3	112.5	120.1	117.8	107.1	123.5
Sept.1	16.5	117.4	128.5	111.3	112.5	120.1	117.8	107.1	123.0
Oct. 1	16.9	117.8	129.8	111.3	112.8	120.1	117.8	107.1	123.7

By Order-in-Council P.C. 6219 as amended, prices of cigarettes and tobacco used in the index for purposes of computing cost-of-living bonuses do not include the tax imposed on June 24, 1942, by the Special War Revenue Act. Since indirect taxes of this kind previously have been included in the index, an August figure reflecting the new tax has been computed to maintain continuity with preceding calculations. This index is 118.1.

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS IN EIGHT REGIONAL CITIES
(August 1939=100)

	Halifax	Saint John	Montreal	Toronto	Winnipeg	Saskatoon	Edmonton	Vancouver
				General Cost of Living				
1941								
November	113.7	114.6	117.2	115.0	113.1	116.4	111.6	112.9
1942								
April	113.5	115.1	117.4	114.7	112.6	116.1	111.1	112.2
June	114.0	115.4	118.2	115.5	113.1	116.2	112.0	113.1
August	115.8	117.2	118.7	116.2	115.0	117.5	114.1	115.0
October	115.5	116.6	119.4	116.3	114.5	117.0	113.6	115.4
				Foods				
1941								
November	128.1	122.7	127.9	125.5	123.9	127.0	121.9	125.6
1942								
April	127.3	123.9	128.0	123.9	122.4	126.2	119.7	123.3
June	129.0	124.9	130.7	126.7	124.1	126.5	123.0	126.0
August	135.1	130.1	132.3	129.0	129.9	130.7	130.2	131.9
October	133.5	128.3	134.0	129.5	128.5	129.1	128.2	133.1
				Rent				
1941								
November	104.2	107.3	108.3	108.5	104.4	113.1	100.0	99.4
1942								
April	104.2	107.3	108.3	108.5	104.4	113.1	100.0	99.4
June	104.2	107.3	108.3	108.5	104.4	113.1	100.0	99.4
August	104.2	107.3	108.3	108.5	104.4	113.1	100.0	99.4
October	104.8	107.3	108.3	108.5	104.4	113.1	100.0	99.4
				Fuel and Lighting				
1941								
November	105.9	109.5	116.3	117.7	107.1	107.0	99.4	111.5
1942								
April	105.9	109.5	116.3	117.7	107.1	107.0	99.4	111.5
June	105.9	109.5	114.8	117.7	107.1	107.0	99.4	111.5
August	105.9	109.5	114.8	117.7	107.1	107.0	99.4	111.5
October	105.9	109.5	116.3	117.7	107.1	107.0	99.4	111.5
				Clothing				
1941								
November	116.5	121.2	123.1	117.3	117.5	119.9	122.9	118.8
1942								
April	116.1	120.8	123.2	117.3	116.8	119.2	122.9	118.6
June	116.1	120.8	123.2	117.3	116.8	119.2	123.0	118.6
August	116.3	120.9	123.2	117.5	116.8	119.3	123.2	119.8
October	116.6	121.2	123.2	117.5	117.0	119.2	123.3	119.8
				Home Furnishings and Services				
1941								
November	114.7	116.1	117.7	114.2	115.2	120.2	117.1	113.0
1942								
April	114.7	116.1	117.6	114.2	115.6	120.1	117.2	112.8
June	114.7	116.0	117.6	114.0	115.6	119.9	117.0	113.1
August	114.7	116.0	117.6	114.1	115.7	119.7	117.1	113.0
October	114.7	116.0	117.6	113.8	115.8	119.7	117.1	112.9
				Miscellaneous				
1941								
November	105.3	106.9	104.5	106.8	105.3	104.6	104.6	104.9
1942								
April	105.7	107.6	105.1	107.3	105.6	105.0	104.9	105.2
June	105.7	107.6	105.1	107.3	105.6	105.0	104.9	105.2
August	105.7	107.7	105.1	107.3	105.6	105.1	104.9	105.3
October	105.7	107.7	105.1	107.3	105.6	105.1	104.9	105.3

CITY COST OF LIVING INDEX NUMBERS, OCTOBER 1, 1942

October 1st cost of living indexes for five of eight regional cities were lower than August 1st levels. Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver showed moderate advances. Food prices were responsible mainly for the index movements. Food decreases varied from 1.1 per cent for Winnipeg to 1.5 per cent for Edmonton, while increases ranged between 0.4 percent for Toronto and 1.3 per cent for Montreal. Other index movements included a slight advance in the rental index for Halifax and higher coal prices resulted in an increase of 1.3 per cent in the Montreal fuel index.

INVESTORS' INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCK PRICES

Domestic common stocks extended the advance of the preceding month and the Investor's price index of 95 common issues showed a gain of 1.9 p.c. to 64.8 between the weeks of October 1 and 29. Reactionary tendencies appeared in the third week but these were of minor proportions. Net increases in October for four sub-groups included in the industrial section more than offset declines in the remaining five. The advance of greatest consequence to the index was registered by the oils, which mounted from 48.7 to 51.1, for a net gain of 4.9 p.c. The transportation section rose 8.8 p.c. and was responsible for the advance of 1.0 p.c. to 72.1 for the utility group. Banks recorded an increase of 0.9 p.c. to 70.2. The Bureau's monthly price index for industrial, utility and bank stocks mounted from 62.6 in September to 65.0 in October. This index compared with one of 69.1 for the corresponding period in 1941.

MINING STOCK PRICES

A representative index of twenty-five mining issues dropped from 49.0 for the week ended October 1 to 45.9 for the final week of the month for a net loss of 6.3 p.c. Golds declined 9.7 p.c. to 33.5 and base metals 2.9 p.c. to 70.5. The monthly composite series moved lower from 49.7 in September to 46.2 in October with the golds down 5.1 points to 33.3, while base metals receded fractionally from 72.1 to 71.8. Listed below is a table of average prices for the weeks of October 29 and 1 as compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

GOLDS

	Oct.29	Oct.1		Oct.29	Oct.1
Beattie	$ .50	$ .60	Little Long Lac	$ .60	$ .72
Bralorne	5.30	5.85	Macassa	1.42	1.90
Buffalo-Ankerite	1.05	-	McIntyre	36.25	38.00
Cariboo Gold Quartz	-	-	Pickle Crow	1.05	1.36
Central Patricia	-	.70	Pioneer	-	1.14
Dome	14.25	14.00	San Antonio	1.28	1.45
God's Lake	.11	.157	Siscoe	.29	.335
Hollinger	5.75	6.90	Sylvanite	.99	1.25
Kirkland Lake	.37	.382	Teck-Hughes	1.25	1.48
Lake Shore	6.85	7.40	Uchi	.03	.03
Lamaque Gold Mines	-	3.30	Wright-Hargreaves	1.88	2.04

BASE METALS

Falconbridge	2.50	2.50	Noranda	37.00	43.50
Hudson Bay	26.25	22.37			

PREFERRED STOCKS

The Bureau's preferred stock price index was up 0.6 p.c. to 96.2 between September and October. The October 1941 index was 102.2. Gains were recorded by milling issues and the building materials group, each up 1.8 p.c. above September averages. Advances of 1.6 p.c. in machinery and equipment and 1.4 p.c. in tobacco issues were offset by losses in pulp and paper and in the beverage group. Fractional gains were made by textiles and power. Foods receded 1.0 p.c. during the month and oils declined fractionally.

INDEX NUMBERS OF 30 PREFERRED STOCK PRICES, 1935-1942
(1935-1939=100)

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1935	88.7	89.0	85.9	83.5	82.5	82.5	84.0	85.5	83.5	83.8	87.5	89.0
1936	90.3	83.1	92.0	91.7	90.0	91.9	95.9	97.2	101.1	104.7	109.9	113.3
1937	119.7	121.1	133.8	124.4	120.9	119.8	119.9	122.4	109.8	99.2	98.9	97.7
1938	100.6	99.0	93.5	94.3	96.6	98.7	105.2	104.7	98.1	106.2	105.5	104.8
1939	102.5	101.8	101.2	95.2	95.3	98.8	100.1	97.7	100.5	107.4	108.7	110.1
1940	110.7	109.7	108.8	108.9	96.7	86.9	89.0	93.9	99.1	100.7	103.0	101.7
1941	101.4	97.6	98.7	97.9	96.3	96.8	98.5	100.0	103.2	102.2	102.6	100.7
1942	99.6	96.8	95.6	94.5	95.4	96.5	95.7	95.8	95.6	96.2		

INVESTORS' MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCKS

(1935-39=100)

Number of Securities 1942	GENERAL	INDUSTRIALS										UTILITIES				BANKS
	Total	Total	Machinery and Equipment	Pulp and Paper	Milling	Oils	Textiles and Clothing	Food and Allied Products	Beverages	Building Materials	Industrial Mines	Total	Transportation	Telephone Telegraph	Power and Traction	Total
	95	68	8	7	3	4	10	12	7	15	2	19	2	2	15	8
1940 - January	90.9	89.1	107.4	122.0	116.5	78.2	128.0	113.9	107.9	108.3	92.2	90.7	69.9	107.4	92.3	103.3
February	90.2	88.6	103.8	116.5	116.0	79.4	134.4	114.8	106.8	105.5	90.2	89.9	71.2	107.1	90.8	103.0
March	90.3	87.5	107.2	114.0	113.7	78.0	135.4	115.6	107.9	105.3	88.3	93.4	84.0	107.7	92.0	104.0
April	88.4	85.1	105.9	122.4	113.0	74.1	135.7	115.0	109.9	105.2	84.9	93.4	82.7	106.1	93.2	102.4
May	73.3	69.2	82.0	81.1	91.5	62.6	119.3	102.7	94.0	83.2	65.0	78.2	57.1	99.3	78.3	97.4
June	65.5	61.2	74.5	65.2	74.1	50.3	104.2	89.7	85.2	74.3	62.7	71.0	47.3	95.6	70.8	91.3
July	66.1	62.6	73.5	69.2	79.1	50.8	110.4	90.8	91.0	73.5	65.8	70.4	49.0	91.4	70.9	85.5
August	69.3	65.8	78.7	76.2	80.6	52.4	114.0	93.5	95.9	77.5	71.2	73.6	55.0	95.3	73.2	88.1
September	75.8	73.1	85.5	82.1	95.5	60.7	121.4	101.6	99.5	87.0	77.4	78.0	60.1	99.5	77.2	92.9
October	74.2	71.3	84.0	80.1	93.5	56.2	120.8	101.4	99.5	88.9	77.7	77.0	55.4	100.2	76.9	91.9
November	74.5	71.3	86.0	82.6	81.4	54.5	121.5	100.7	105.8	91.2	77.8	78.2	62.2	101.4	76.2	92.7
December	70.3	65.9	78.6	76.7	75.2	48.7	116.8	99.6	106.5	87.6	71.4	76.4	55.8	101.3	75.6	94.6
1941 - January	71.3	66.9	77.6	74.1	72.3	51.6	110.6	96.8	104.3	84.0	73.2	77.3	60.9	101.2	75.4	94.7
February	66.5	62.3	72.9	63.8	69.5	48.7	105.0	90.1	96.6	77.3	67.3	71.3	51.6	100.2	68.8	90.9
March	66.8	63.1	73.6	65.4	69.5	49.5	103.1	87.9	93.7	78.5	69.0	70.7	55.7	99.2	67.0	89.9
April	65.8	62.3	73.2	63.9	68.6	49.4	101.3	88.6	88.1	77.8	67.8	68.2	57.3	97.8	62.2	89.7
May	63.9	60.7	71.8	59.7	63.4	51.3	97.4	88.6	82.8	74.4	62.6	65.2	54.8	91.6	60.3	88.3
June	64.0	60.3	72.0	59.5	67.5	48.0	101.1	90.1	87.3	74.9	64.2	67.1	58.9	92.0	62.0	89.0
July	67.5	64.0	76.3	66.1	67.5	48.4	105.7	90.5	94.3	77.8	72.3	70.6	65.8	93.0	65.3	89.7
August	67.8	64.4	76.8	70.2	72.4	49.1	106.3	91.8	95.7	79.7	71.5	71.2	70.0	94.6	64.4	89.7
September	71.0	67.5	80.5	78.5	75.1	51.3	108.4	93.3	102.4	82.4	75.8	74.7	70.3	98.6	68.8	91.2
October	69.1	65.5	78.3	75.5	74.5	51.2	105.7	91.9	98.7	78.9	71.7	72.5	65.7	96.8	67.2	90.8
November	68.8	65.3	78.2	76.4	74.9	52.9	110.0	91.0	102.6	77.8	68.9	71.1	65.2	95.3	65.5	91.7
December	67.2	63.9	75.5	72.9	72.2	49.0	110.4	91.4	104.8	75.5	69.7	68.7	60.4	95.9	63.0	90.5
1942 - January	66.8	62.9	74.3	71.9	74.5	45.9	112.8	88.7	99.2	75.1	71.9	70.4	64.5	95.5	64.4	91.1
February	64.7	60.8	73.4	69.3	69.7	43.6	108.7	85.5	96.3	73.9	70.1	67.7	60.5	93.5	62.1	91.1
March	62.3	57.8	69.7	66.1	70.9	41.2	104.3	75.8	92.8	74.0	67.3	67.5	59.4	93.5	62.0	89.4
April	61.1	56.6	70.6	63.2	69.6	41.4	102.4	74.2	93.1	73.9	64.2	66.3	60.6	91.9	60.2	88.4
May	62.0	57.9	74.7	61.1	70.5	43.2	104.3	73.5	94.2	75.7	65.2	66.4	59.6	92.0	60.7	87.4
June	62.8	58.4	76.2	61.1	69.6	44.5	106.6	73.9	93.6	76.8	64.9	68.1	56.6	92.3	64.3	87.7
July	62.4	58.6	76.6	58.9	65.3	46.6	100.4	75.9	95.5	75.3	62.7	67.8	58.4	86.5	65.2	81.7
August	61.6	58.5	76.0	56.0	61.2	47.5	97.7	75.3	98.3	73.1	61.9	67.8	58.8	80.8	66.9	71.9
September	62.6	59.8	77.9	55.9	62.0	49.0	99.8	74.2	98.7	71.2	64.1	69.2	62.5	83.4	67.1	69.0
October	65.0	62.2	80.3	57.8	64.9	51.0	99.6	74.0	98.9	70.8	68.4	72.0	73.4	83.9	67.9	70.3

INDEX NUMBERS OF TWENTY-FIVE MINING STOCKS
(1935-39=100)

No. of Stocks 1942		Golds 22	Base Metals 3	Total Index 25
x1929 -	High	76.2	127.3	89.2
	Low	44.8	63.0	60.6
x1932 -	High	53.6	32.9	45.2
	Low	41.2	17.0	32.6
x1933 -	High	95.0	57.7	81.4
	Low	55.1	27.3	45.4
x1934 -	High	119.0	67.1	99.9
	Low	87.6	50.0	74.8
x1935 -	High	111.4	84.7	95.3
	Low	88.9	51.5	80.1
x1936 -	High	115.7	128.9	118.8
	Low	100.5	82.3	94.4
x1937 -	High	120.0	142.7	125.6
	Low	84.7	73.3	80.8
x1938 -	High	106.6	129.1	112.2
	Low	89.3	82.8	87.3
x1939 -	High	105.7	130.1	113.5
	Low	82.5	109.6	91.9
x1940 -	High	92.1	122.4	102.2
	Low	55.8	69.5	60.5
x1941 -	High	75.2	96.1	80.6
	Low	50.7	80.6	61.0
1940				
June		57.7	74.7	63.4
July		59.1	75.1	64.8
August		64.6	83.7	71.0
September		70.8	91.0	77.5
October		72.9	91.3	79.2
November		76.3	94.5	82.4
December		74.9	90.0	80.2
1941				
January		74.4	89.2	79.4
February		70.6	83.2	74.9
March		70.0	84.7	75.1
April		69.0	87.6	75.1
May		66.1	81.2	71.2
June		64.4	83.9	71.0
July		66.2	91.3	74.6
August		66.0	91.7	74.6
September		66.0	94.0	75.4
October		60.8	87.4	69.7
November		54.9	83.0	65.0
December		52.2	84.8	63.2
1942				
January		50.5	84.3	61.9
February		45.4	81.5	57.5
March		40.1	75.3	51.9
April		37.5	72.8	49.3
May		39.6	75.8	51.7
June		42.6	74.3	53.2
July		39.3	73.3	50.6
August		38.0	72.3	49.4
September		38.4	72.1	49.7
October		33.3	71.8	46.2
Weekly Index Numbers				
Week ending Sept.	10th	37.9	71.4	49.1
" " "	17th	38.9	72.0	49.9
" " "	24th	39.6	72.5	50.6
" " Oct.	1st	37.1	72.6	49.0
" " "	8th	33.1	72.9	46.4
" " "	15th	33.9	74.3	47.4
" " "	22nd	32.7	69.6	45.1
" " "	29th	33.5	70.5	45.9
" " Nov.	5th	35.8	73.1	48.3

INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELDS

Dominion of Canada long-term bond yields averaged somewhat higher for October and the Bureau's index, on the base 1935-1939=100, advanced from 99.4 for September to 99.6. No changes of consequence occurred during the month, however, and the weekly index remained at 99.6. In the final two weeks, interest centred chiefly on the new Victory Loan, which exceeded by a considerable margin the minimum objective of $750,000,000. An index of representative Province of Ontario bond yields, based upon information furnished by Wood, Gundy and Company, Limited, moved from 90.3 for September to 91.8, and the average yield of the issues included increased from 3.18 to 3.23. Quotations in the provincial list, generally, showed little change during October, apart from a moderate re-action in Alberta maturities.

British Consols closed 3/16 lower at 82 5/16, while the Dow-Jones average of selected United States bonds rose from 90.35 to 91.06.

MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELDS, 1936 - 1942.
(1935-1939=100)

	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942
January	106.5	95.2	102.2	97.3	109.3	100.6	99.4
February	103.6	100.1	100.8	97.2	107.2	100.8	99.3
March	102.4	106.4	100.3	95.4	107.9	100.5	99.6
April	101.8	107.2	97.4	96.3	105.5	100.6	99.6
May	100.9	106.4	96.2	97.8	104.5	101.1	99.5
June	98.0	105.6	98.0	95.7	107.8	101.9	98.8
July	95.5	104.4	98.7	96.0	107.0	101.5	98.7
August	92.6	102.9	98.8	98.6	104.3	101.2	99.0
September	91.8	103.2	101.9	117.0	103.1	100.3	99.4
October	96.0	106.2	99.3	111.9	102.6	100.2	99.6
November	94.7	105.7	97.4	108.4	101.9	99.1	-
December	93.3	102.9	97.2	110.5	101.0	99.3	-

WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BONDS, 1942.

	Yields		Yields		Yields
August 5	99.0	September 2	99.3	October 7	99.6
" 12	98.6	" 9	99.3	" 14	99.6
" 19	99.0	" 16	99.3	" 21	99.6
" 26	99.3	" 23	99.6	" 28	99.6
		" 30	99.6		

EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS AT MONTREAL, AUGUST 1939 AND 1940-1942

Note: The noon rates in Canadian Funds upon which these averages are based have been supplied by the Bank of Canada.

	New York Funds	London Sterling	(A) Argentine Peso (Paper)	(A) Brazil Milreis	India Rupee
	$	$	$	$	$
1939 - August	1.0047	4.6327	.2321	.0504	.3346
1940	*1.1050	*4.450	.2539	.0557	.3359
1941	1.1050	4.450	.2621	.0563	.3356
1942 - May	1.1050	4.450	.2618	.0571	.3359
June	1.1050	4.450	.2611	.0571	.3359
July	1.1050	4.450	.2622	.0571	.3359
August	1.1050	4.450	.2636	.0571	.3359
September	1.1050	4.450	.2631	.0571	.3359
October	1.1050	4.450	.2632	.0572	.3359

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* Since September 16, 1939, quotations used are the average of the daily buying and selling rate of the Foreign Exchange Control Board. The current buying and selling rate for sterling is $4.43 and $4.47 and U.S. funds $1.10 and $1.11.

(A) Unofficial.

MONTHLY INDEXES OF AMERICAN STOCK PRICES, 1938-1942.
(Issued by Standard and Poor's Trade Scurities)
(1935-1939=100)

	Composite	Industrials	Railroads	Utilities
1938 - September	89.6	92.7	65.5	83.2
October	98.5	101.2	77.8	92;7
November	99.4	102.1	79.1	94.0
December	97.1	100.0	76.4	90.7
Year	88.2	90.1	69.5	85.6
1939 - January	97.0	98.7	79.0	94.9
February	95.1	96.0	74.3	97.9
March	96.0	96.6	77.7	99.6
April	85.0	85.1	63.9	92.5
May	98.4	88.3	67.0	96.8
June	89.9	89.9	67.5	98.1
July	91.8	91.8	69.2	100.1
August	90.7	90.4	66.8	101.1
September	99.7	101.3	82.4	98.4
October	100.7	101.8	87.2	100.4
November	98.9	99.6	82.8	101.8
December	97.0	97.6	78.4	101.3
Year	95.1	94.8	74.7	98.8
1940 - January	97.1	97.7	77.7	103.0
February	96.8	97.1	76.5	102.4
March	96.7	97.3	76.7	101.6
April	98.1	98.7	77.3	102.6
May	85.1	85.2	65.4	92.3
June	78.1	77.3	60;8	88.5
July	85.8	79.3	65.2	93.9
August	81.6	80.3	66.0	93.5
Septmmber	85.5	84.6	71.6	94.7
October	86.0	85.4	72.6	93.7
November	86.7	86.6	73.6	92.3
December	84.9	84.9	70.0	90.6
Year	88.5	87.9	71.1	95.8
1941 - January	85.0	84.7	73.4	91.1
February	80.1	79.4	70.0	87.1
March	80.3	79.6	70.6	87.1
April	77.9	77.3	71.2	83.1
May	77.1	77.3	70.7	78.9
June	79.5	79.7	70.9	81.6
July	83.2	84.2	73.8	81.8
August	83.2	84.3	74.4	81.0
September	83.6	84.8	72.6	81.3
October	80.4	81.6	70.3	78.5
November	77.4	78.6	68.4	74.5
December	71.8	73.8	61.0	66.2
1942 - January	72.6	74.3	69.0	66.1
February	69.9	71.0	68.4	64.5
March	66.0	67.2	65.0	60.5
April	63.3	64.8	61.1	56.5
May	63.2	64.7	60.3	67.2
June	66.1	68.2	59.0	58.8
July	68.2	70.6	62.9	58.4
August	68.3	70.5	65.4	58.8
September	69.4	71.6	66.7	59.5
October [illegible]	75.0	77.5	72.4	63.8

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PRICE MOVEMENTS, NOVEMBER, 1942.

WHOLESALE: Reflecting strength in animal products and small increases in the vegetable and chemical and allied products groups, the Bureau's composite wholesale price index, on the base 1926=100, advanced 0.3 points to 97.1 between October and November. Animal products were 1.5 points higher at 106.0, while vegetable products moved up 0.3 to 85.9, and chemicals 0.1 to 102.1. Other groups were unchanged at 92.0 for fibres, textiles and textile products; 102.8 for wood, wood products and paper; 115.3 for iron and its products; 79.7 for non-ferrous metals and 100.1 for non-metallic minerals. On the same base, the composite index for 30 industrial materials closed the month at 94.9 for a net loss of 0.1. The food group of 5 items eased 0.3 to 87.1, reflecting a drop in oats which more than offset small gains for steers, hogs and wheat. Both the stable group of 12 items and the manufacturing series of 13 items recorded no change, holding at 114.4 and 82.6 respectively. For Canadian farm products, advances in field and animal products raised the total index 0.6 to 86.3 between October and November. Field products, on advancing prices for potatoes, onions, hay and grains, were up 0.4 at 68.3, while animal products closed 0.8 points higher at 116.3. Eggs, hides and skins and livestock contributed to the increase in this section.

COST OF LIVING: (Wartime increase 17.7 per cent--from 100.8 to 118.6). The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index advanced from 117.8 on October 1 to 118.6 on November 2, 1942. In compliance with Order-in-Council P.C. 6219 as amended, the price of cigarettes and tobacco in the October index does not include the tax imposed on June 24, 1942, under the Special War Revenue Act. The November increase was entirely due to a rise in the food index from 129.8 for October to 132.4 for November. Beef, oranges, butter, potatoes, lard, and lemons were mainly responsible for this movement in the food group, although several additional small scattered increases were also recorded. Other group indexes remained unchanged as follows: rentals 111.3, fuel and light 112.8, clothing 120.1, furnishings 117.8, miscellaneous 107.1.

SECURITIES: Reacting to unusually favourable news from United Nations battlefronts, industrial and utility common stocks registered noteworthy gains in November. The Investors' composite monthly index recorded a net increase of 2.6 points to 67.6 between October and November, with industrials up 1.9 points to 64.1 and utilities 5.6 points at 77.6. While all sub-groups except industrial mines were firmer, most pronounced strength was noted for transportation, up 12.3 points at 85.7; milling 7.4 at 72.3; beverages 6.6 at 105.5; pulp and paper 4.8 at 62.6; power and traction 4.2 at 72.1 and building material issues 4.1 at 74.9. Paralleling the rise in industrials and utilities, a composite index for 25 mining issues gained 5.4 points to 51.6 in November. The index for 22 golds moved up 7.4 points to 40.7 while the base metal stock series was up 1.4 at 73.2. Dominion of Canada long-term bond prices were steady, and a yield index based upon a 15-year 3 per cent theoretical issue remained unchanged during November at 99.6.

VEGETABLE PRODUCTS: Narrow increases in a few items were sufficient to advance the vegetable products group index 0.3 points to 85.9 between October and November. Among sub-groups registering advances during the month were grains, 0.2 points higher at 67.2 on fractional increases for wheat and rye which more than offset declines for oats and barley. Milled products advanced a similar amount to 78.5 due to a firmer tone for Ontario winter wheat flour. On advances at both eastern and western centres onion prices averaged 5.0 points higher at an index level of 97.5, while potatoes were up 3.4 points at 80.8 due to gains at all centres except Vancouver where a drop occurred. In the miscellaneous section the sub-group index closed 0.1 higher at 88.0 on a small net advance for hay coupled with a rosin price increase. Registering the only decline for the month fresh fruits eased 0.9 to 143.0 on slightly lower quotations for bananas, oranges and lemons. Other sub-groups were unchanged.

Western Canadian farmers delivered approximately 27 million bushels of wheat to elevators in November compared with 55 million bushels in October. Based on a current wheat crop outturn of 607 million bushels coupled with a carryover of 424 millions, Canada's wheat total available for the 1942-43 crop year is now well over one billion bushels. Latest figures released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics placed stocks of canned vegetables at levels slightly above the 1941 pack, while for canned fruits the current pack was only 50 p.c. of that in 1941.

ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS: Prices of animals and their products continued generally upward in November when the index reached 106.0. This was 1.4 p.c. over the previous month and the highest level since March 1930. Furs, fresh milk, cured meats, shoes and leather remained unchanged but the other sub-groups rose by amounts varying from less than 1 p.c. for fishery products to almost 5 p.c. for oils and fats. The livestock

price index moved up from 128.7 to 129.6 between October and November. Cattle markets were strong throughout the month and increased offerings were readily absorbed. Shipments to yards and plants aggregated 150,695 head compared with 118,489 head in October. A gain of 1/2 of 1 p.c. in hog prices was counterbalanced by the loss of an equal amount for calves, while lamb prices averaged about 2 p.c. over October levels. Due to higher prices for dry shore codfish, the fishery products index rose 0.7 points to 125.8. Fresh meats moved up from 117.4 to 121.3 under the influence of higher beef and lamb carcass prices. By order 196, maximum wholesale and retail prices were established by zones for lamb carcass sides and cuts as from November 2. During the month ceilings were also set for all grades and classes of dressed poultry. Higher prices for sheep skins carried the hides and skins index up almost 4 p.c. to 119.1 in November. Prices paid to producers for fresh milk were unchanged but the index for milk and its products advanced from 102.0 to 103.2 as butter and cheese each moved up about 2 p.c. Effective November 1, maximum prices of creamery butter at various centres were raised 3/4¢ per pound. Fresh supplies were light and insufficient to meet requirements. As calculated by the Agricultural Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics creamery butter in storage on December 1st amounted to 31,123,000 pounds compared with 43,316,000 pounds on November 1. Egg prices advanced about 2½ p.c. in November when the index reached 117.9, or 17 p.c. over November 1941. Late in the month, an order of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board established price differentials for A medium, A pullets, B's, and C's at 2¢, 5¢, 8¢, and 10¢ per dozen respectively, below Grade A large, and a maximum of 4¢ a dozen over A's for premium quality. Cold storage stocks as reported by the Agricultural Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at 499,470 dozen on December 1 were 1,944,000 dozen less than on November 1.

FIBRES, TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS: Continuing at 92.0 for November, the composite index for fibres, textiles and textile products has recorded no change for the past three months. Domestic consumption of raw cotton continued at a high level, totalling 40,553 bales in October against 38,013 bales in September. Approximately four-fifths of total cotton production has now been allocated to war requirements and essential civilian needs. Under a new arrangement between the United Kingdom Board of Trade and the Canadian Government, an import allocation of 3 million yards of woven rayon fabrics was announced for the year beginning October 1, 1942. British export prices of rayon fabrics have advanced about 40 p.c. in the past six months. Output of civilian knitted goods continued to decline. Currently production of knitted goods for war orders is estimated at 10 p.c. of output, but may reach 15-20 p.c. shortly. Woollen mills will now be required to purchase all their raw wools from Melbourne Merchandising Limited; however, arrangements may be made to purchase through this firm 25 p.c. of crossbred requirements or 100 p.c. of merino from any designated supplier or suppliers.

WOOD, WOOD PRODUCTS AND PAPER: The November composite index for wood, wood products and paper recorded no change from the October level of 102.8. New restrictive measures have been placed on all high grade Douglas fir logs by the Timber Controller under which "no person shall convert, process or dispose of" any such logs without written permit. Effective November 9, the Minister of Trade and Commerce announced that exports of sawn and hewn timber, boards, planks and scantling of cedar, Douglas fir, hemlock, spruce, white pine or other softwoods required a permit. White pine and cedar logs were still exempt from permit when shipped to the United States or British Empire countries. From November 2, birch and maple logs will require a permit when shipped to other than British Empire countries. Recently new orders, effective in November, have been announced from Ottawa limiting monthly production of newsprint and magazine paper to an average of the April-October period of 1942.

IRON AND STEEL: An index for iron and steel products prices held unchanged at 115.3 for November. With operations in iron and steel plants approximating capacity, additional restrictions were placed on the manufacture of certain articles composed wholly or in part of these metals. Sizes and types of nails were limited and the quantity of steel to be used in furnace making in 1943 was reduced by 30 p.c. The 1943 output of new farm machinery was lowered to 25 p.c. of the tonnage distributed in 1940 but repair replacements were raised 50 p.c. Iron ore shipments from the United States to Canadian plants totalled 228,069 long tons in October compared with 206,286 tons in September. Pig iron production in Canada rose 19,524 tons to 175,424 tons in October and the output of steel ingots at 271,127 tons was 26,205 tons greater than in September.

NON-FERROUS METALS: Continuing at 79.7 for November, the composite index for non-ferrous metals has shown no change for the past three months. It was reported during November that Dominion Magnesium Company's plant at Haleys' Station was in operation with 5 retort units. These were expected to be doubled by the end of the year when an estimated capacity output of 10 tons per day was anticipated. Primary lead has recently been placed under direct allocation, while secondary lead was also put under strict control. Completion of plant expansion at International Nickel Company in December will mean a 10 p.c. increase in copper-nickel output it was believed. The Britannia Mining and Smelting Company at Howe Sound and the Granby Consolidated Mining Company at Copper Mountain which were recently taken over by the Dominion Government will now be subsidized by the Metals

Reserve Corporation of the United States which will take the mines' entire output. Recently a new molybdenum deposit was discovered in northern Quebec and Dome mines which has acquired 4,000 acres in the area is prepared to start production in 1943.

NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS: There were no price changes in the Bureau's list of non-metallic minerals in November and the index held at 100.1. For the year to date this index has held within a range of 0.8.

CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS: A 5 p.c. rise in the price of calcium carbide advanced the index of chemicals and allied products from 102.0 in October to 102.1 in November. The inorganic group moved up from 88.4 to 89.1 during this period while other sub-groups remained unchanged.

Weekly Index Numbers of 30 Industrial Material Prices
(1926=100)

Month	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
November, 1942	95.0	95.0	94.9	95.0	-
October, 1942	94.8	95.0	95.1	95.0	94.9
September, 1942	94.7	94.9	94.8	94.9	-
August, 1942	94.3	94.4	94.3	94.4	-

Weekly Index Numbers of Canadian Farm Products
(1926=100)

Month	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
November, 1942	86.1	86.3	86.4	86.1	-
October, 1942	85.0	85.5	85.7	85.9	85.9
September, 1942	84.3	84.3	83.9	84.3	-
August, 1942	80.7	81.5	81.4	80.7	-

SUMMARY TABLES OF CANADIAN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES

(1926=100)

	General Wholesale Price Index	Consumers' Goods	Producers' Goods	Building Materials	Raw and Partly Manufactured Goods	Fully and Chiefly Manufactured Goods	Canadian Farm Products			Industrial Materials	Thirteen Sensitive Materials
							Field	Animal	Total		
1913	64.0	62.0	67.7	67.0	63.8	64.8	56.4	77.0	64.1	-	-
1920	155.9	136.1	164.3	144.0	154.1	156.5	166.5	150.8	160.6	-	-
1929	95.6	94.7	96.1	99.0	97.5	93.0	93.8	112.5	100.8	91.8	87.2
1933	67.1	71.1	63.1	78.3	56.6	70.2	45.8	59.7	51.0	54.1	43.8
1939	75.4	75.9	70.4	89.7	67.4	75.3	54.2	81.2	64.3	69.0	57.0
1940	82.9	83.4	78.7	95.6	75.3	81.5	56.0	85.8	67.1	79.0	65.9
1941	90.0	91.1	83.6	107.3	81.8	88.8	56.5	95.9	71.2	87.3	75.0
1939 August	72.3	72.7	66.7	90.2	62.8	72.6	48.2	75.4	58.4	65.3	52.9
1940											
October	83.3	84.1	78.4	98.0	74.8	81.8	51.1	87.3	64.6	78.8	64.0
November	84.0	84.8	78.8	98.2	76.1	82.4	52.5	91.0	66.9	79.8	66.0
December	84.2	85.2	79.1	98.0	76.2	83.0	52.5	91.6	67.1	79.1	64.7
1941											
January	84.8	85.5	79.8	99.1	76.6	83.4	53.6	90.0	67.2	80.1	65.7
February	85.4	85.7	80.5	100.2	77.7	83.8	54.4	91.6	68.3	81.2	66.9
March	86.0	86.2	81.3	100.6	78.9	84.3	55.6	91.8	69.1	82.3	68.6
April	86.8	87.1	81.6	100.9	79.3	85.5	55.9	92.2	69.5	83.4	70.8
May	88.8	88.9	83.5	107.8	80.8	87.2	55.5	93.3	69.6	86.5	73.6
June	90.1	90.6	84.2	108.5	81.8	88.9	57.1	94.3	71.0	88.0	75.4
July	91.2	92.1	84.5	109.9	82.5	90.4	57.1	96.1	71.7	89.3	77.6
August	92.0	93.6	84.5	111.6	83.4	91.0	56.7	97.9	72.1	90.3	79.7
September	93.3	95.4	85.5	112.2	84.6	92.5	57.6	99.6	73.3	91.5	80.5
October	93.9	96.6	85.7	112.1	85.4	93.1	57.9	101.1	74.1	91.3	80.6
November	94.0	96.7	85.4	112.1	85.4	93.1	57.4	102.0	74.1	91.0	80.4
December	93.6	95.3	85.7	112.9	85.6	92.2	59.2	100.5	74.6	91.7	80.4
1942											
January	94.3	95.3	86.8	113.1	87.2	92.0	62.8	101.5	77.3	92.4	80.4
February	94.6	94.9	87.2	113.3	87.8	91.7	64.3	102.1	78.4	93.2	80.8
March	95.1	95.4	87.4	114.2	88.4	92.1	64.6	102.7	78.8	93.3	80.9
April	95.0	95.1	87.7	114.4	88.6	91.9	65.0	103.7	79.5	93.5	80.9
May	95.2	95.1	88.3	114.4	89.4	91.6	65.5	104.8	80.2	94.2	81.5
June	95.8	96.0	88.7	114.2	90.5	91.5	66.3	107.0	81.5	94.8	81.6
July	96.0	96.6	88.0	113.8	90.4	91.9	67.7	103.6	81.1	94.6	82.0
August	95.5	95.3	88.7	113.8	89.7	91.8	68.4	102.9	81.3	94.3	81.8
September	96.0	96.0	89.1	*114.3	91.4	92.0	67.6	112.2	84.3	94.8	82.3
October	96.8	96.9	89.3	*116.3	93.1	92.2	67.9	115.5	85.7	95.0	82.6
November	97.1	97.3	89.5	116.4	93.5	92.4	68.3	116.3	86.3	94.9	82.6

* Revised.

COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Note: Wholesale price indexes appearing in this bulletin are subject to revision.

	Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1941	Nov. 1941	Sept. 1942	Oct. 1942	Nov. 1942
	Total Index	526	90.0	94.0	96.0	96.8	97.1
I.	Vegetable Products	123	77.0	79.8	85.1	85.6	85.9
	Fruits	14	88.6	105.8	121.5	128.6	128.0
	Fresh	4	91.8	111.8	134.5	143.9	143.0
	Dried	4	82.2	93.1	91.2	91.5	91.5
	Canned	6	75.5	82.8	73.5	73.5	73.5
	Grains	22	56.2	56.2	66.8	67.0	67.2
	Flour and Milled Products	12	76.7	74.6	78.4	78.3	78.5
	Bakery Products	2	86.3	86.8	86.8	86.8	86.8
	Vegetable Oils	4	109.8	128.6	132.2	132.2	132.2
	Rubber and Its Products	7	74.2	75.7	75.7	75.7	75.7
	Sugar and Its Products and Glucose	8	115.9	120.3	120.6	120.6	120.6
	Tea, Coffee, Cocoa and Spices	13	109.1	125.9	122.7	122.7	122.7
	Vegetables	13	66.1	70.8	77.9	79.6	82.4
II.	Animals and Their Products	75	92.1	101.8	101.6	104.5	106.0
	Fishery Products	16	92.9	105.5	113.7	115.1	115.8
	Furs	9	80.5	95.6	68.7	66.9	66.9
	Hides and Skins	6	110.3	117.7	105.8	114.6	119.1
	Leather, Unmanufactured	9	106.3	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9
	Boots and Shoes	2	103.5	107.7	105.7	105.7	105.7
	Live Stock	4	110.0	112.1	128.6	128.7	129.6
	Meats and Poultry	9	94.9	99.8	103.4	105.9	107.8
	Milk and Its Products	12	93.2	103.0	101.6	102.0	103.2
	Fats	5	63.3	80.1	73.1	76.5	80.1
	Eggs	3	70.8	100.4	92.3	115.1	117.9
III.	Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	64	91.0	96.7	92.0	92.0	92.0
	Cotton, Raw	2	98.4	113.9	119.0	119.0	119.0
	Cotton Fabrics	19	87.8	96.1	82.5	82.5	82.5
	Knit Goods	3	95.4	104.1	98.9	98.9	98.9
	Flax, Hemp and Jute Products	6	86.0	93.0	92.2	92.2	92.2
	Rayon and Silk Hosiery	1	70.2	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1
	Rayon Fabrics	2	69.0	69.0	67.2	67.2	67.2
	Artificial Silk Products	2	49.0	50.4	49.0	49.0	49.0
	Wool, Raw	3	95.0	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7
	Wool Hosiery and Knit Goods	5	108.2	108.8	108.8	108.8	108.8
	Wool Cloth	6	104.5	105.2	105.2	105.2	105.2
IV.	Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	96.0	98.8	101.7	102.6	102.8
	Newsprint and Wrapping Paper	2	74.0	74.0	74.0	74.0	74.0
	Lumber	33	120.6	128.0	132.4	135.1	135.7
	Pulp	3	108.9	108.9	119.0	119.0	119.0
	Furniture	10	99.1	103.9	104.7	104.7	104.7
V.	Iron and Its Products	44	111.3	112.8	115.3	115.3	115.3
	Pig Iron and Steel Billets	3	101.7	101.7	104.8	104.8	104.8
	Rolling Mill Products	14	115.0	117.0	121.3	121.3	121.3
	Hardware	16	92.5	93.9	93.9	93.9	93.9
	Wire	3	99.3	100.4	100.4	100.4	100.4
	Scrap	5	112.3	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9
VI.	Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	17	77.7	77.6	79.7	79.7	79.7
	Brass and Copper Products	5	86.3	86.7	86.7	86.7	86.7
	Lead and Its Products	2	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1
	Tin Ingots	2	91.1	92.7	95.6	95.6	95.6
	Zinc and Its Products	2	59.1	59.2	59.1	59.1	59.1
	Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products (V and VI above)	61	100.1	101.1	103.6	103.4	103.4

COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1941	Nov. 1941	Sept. 1942	Oct. 1942	Nov. 1942.
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	81	95.6	98.9	100.0	100.1	100.1
Clay and Allied Material Products	10	93.7	96.3	98.3	101.3	101.3
Coal	13	108.3	110.8	113.8	113.8	113.8
Coke	4	121.8	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5
Manufactured Gas	3	103.4	103.5	103.5	103.5	103.5
Glass and Its Products	6	102.8	104.4	104.4	104.4	104.4
Petroleum Products	5	78.9	85.1	85.1	85.1	85.1
Asphalt	2	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3
Salt	4	123.6	130.6	130.6	130.6	130.6
Lime	4	108.4	111.8	112.2	112.2	112.2
Cement	1	104.1	106.5	106.5	106.5	106.5
Sand and Gravel	8	87.6	87.3	87.3	87.3	87.3
Crushed Stone	3	78.5	80.3	80.3	80.3	80.3
Building Stone	3	68.4	70.8	70.8	70.8	70.8
Asbestos	8	74.1	74.1	74.1	74.1	74.1
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	73	98.9	103.8	102.2	102.0	102.1
Inorganic Chemicals	22	89.2	89.1	88.9	88.4	89.1
Organic Chemicals	5	86.0	87.6	90.4	90.4	90.4
Coal Tar Products	2	90.7	91.1	91.1	91.1	91.1
Dyeing and Tanning Materials	10	131.4	136.4	136.4	136.4	136.4
Explosives	2	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1
Paints, Prepared	1	79.7	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5
Drugs and Pharmaceutical Chemicals	8	162.6	174.7	175.7	175.7	175.7
Fertilizers	10	87.9	88.1	88.1	84.9	84.9
Industrial Gases	2	85.1	83.2	83.7	83.9	82.9

PURPOSE CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

I. CONSUMERS' GOODS (Groups A and B)	215	91.1	96.7	96.0	98.9	97.3
A. Foods, Beverages and Tobacco	118	89.5	96.5	98.5	100.7	101.8
Beverages	8	112.9	131.3	125.8	125.8	125.8
Flour and Milled Products	12	76.7	74.6	78.4	78.3	78.5
Bakery Products	2	86.3	86.8	86.8	86.8	86.8
Fish	16	92.9	105.5	113.7	115.1	115.8
Fruits	14	88.6	105.8	121.5	128.6	128.0
Meats and Poultry	9	94.9	99.8	103.4	105.9	107.8
Milk and Milk Products	12	93.2	103.0	101.7	102.0	103.2
Sugar and Its Products	8	115.9	120.3	120.6	120.6	120.6
Vegetables	13	66.1	70.8	77.9	79.6	82.4
Eggs	3	70.8	100.4	92.3	115.1	117.9
Tobacco	7	41.9	41.8	45.7	45.7	45.7
B. Other Consumers' Goods	97	92.2	96.8	94.3	94.3	94.3
Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Rubbers, Hosiery and Underwear	48	91.4	96.2	90.9	90.9	90.9
Household Equipment and Supplies	49	92.9	97.4	96.8	96.8	96.8
II. PRODUCERS' GOODS (Groups C and D)	377	83.6	85.4	89.1	89.3	89.5
C. Producers' Equipment	24	105.7	107.9	110.4	110.4	110.5
Tools	3	93.7	98.1	98.1	98.1	98.1
Light, Heat and Power Equipment and Supplies	17	106.9	109.2	111.9	111.9	112.0
Explosives	2	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1
Miscellaneous	2	100.8	100.8	100.8	100.8	100.8

PURPOSE CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1941	Nov. 1941	Sept. 1942	Oct. 1942	Nov. 1942
D. Producers' Materials	353	81.1	82.9	*86.8	*87.0	87.2
Building and Construction Materials	110	107.3	112.1	*114.8	*116.2	116.4
+Lumber	33	120.6	128.0	132.4	135.1	135.7
Paint	12	82.3	*87.3	*87.4	*87.4	87.4
Miscellaneous	65	100.8	103.1	*104.8	*105.2	105.2
Manufacturers' Materials	243	76.6	77.9	82.1	82.1	82.2
Textiles and Clothing	46	88.2	93.4	87.0	87.0	87.0
Furs and Leather Goods	24	98.0	107.1	96.2	96.7	97.4
For Metal Working Industries	40	84.9	85.1	87.9	87.4	87.4
For Chemical Using Industries	42	96.5	97.6	98.6	98.3	98.7
For Meat Packing Industries	4	110.0	112.1	128.6	128.7	129.6
For Milling and Other Industries	22	56.2	56.2	66.8	67.0	67.2
Miscellaneous Producers' Materials	65	78.8	79.8	81.4	81.3	81.3

ORIGIN CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Total Raw and Partly Manufactured	223	81.8	85.4	91.4	93.1	93.5
Total Fully and Chiefly Manufactured	302	88.8	93.1	92.0	92.2	92.4
I. Articles of Farm Origin (Domestic and Foreign)						
A. Field						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	84	63.2	66.0	73.7	74.4	74.8
(b) Fully and chiefly "	83	86.8	90.1	88.8	88.8	88.8
(c) Total	167	75.9	79.0	81.8	82.2	82.3
B. Animal						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	36	95.0	101.0	106.3	111.0	111.7
(b) Fully and chiefly "	54	89.0	97.5	94.0	94.4	95.2
(c) Total	90	91.6	99.0	99.3	101.6	102.4
C. Canadian Farm Products						
(1) Field	50	56.5	57.4	67.6	67.9	68.3
(2) Animal	18	95.9	102.0	112.3	115.5	116.3
(3) Total	68	71.2	74.1	84.3	85.7	86.3
II. Articles of Marine Origin						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	7	79.6	89.1	99.8	99.8	99.8
(b) Fully and chiefly "	9	96.8	113.5	120.6	124.3	126.1
(c) Total	16	92.1	106.9	115.0	117.7	119.0
+III. Articles of Forest Origin						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	37	117.1	122.2	128.3	130.2	130.6
(b) Fully and chiefly "	20	76.9	77.6	77.6	77.6	77.6
(c) Total	57	95.6	98.4	101.2	102.1	102.3
IV. Articles of Mineral Origin						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	59	92.5	93.4	96.0	95.7	95.7
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured	136	98.0	100.6	101.5	101.5	101.5
(c) Total	195	95.5	97.4	99.0	98.9	98.9

+ Includes both domestic and export prices.

* Revised

WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES
(All prices given in Canadian Funds)

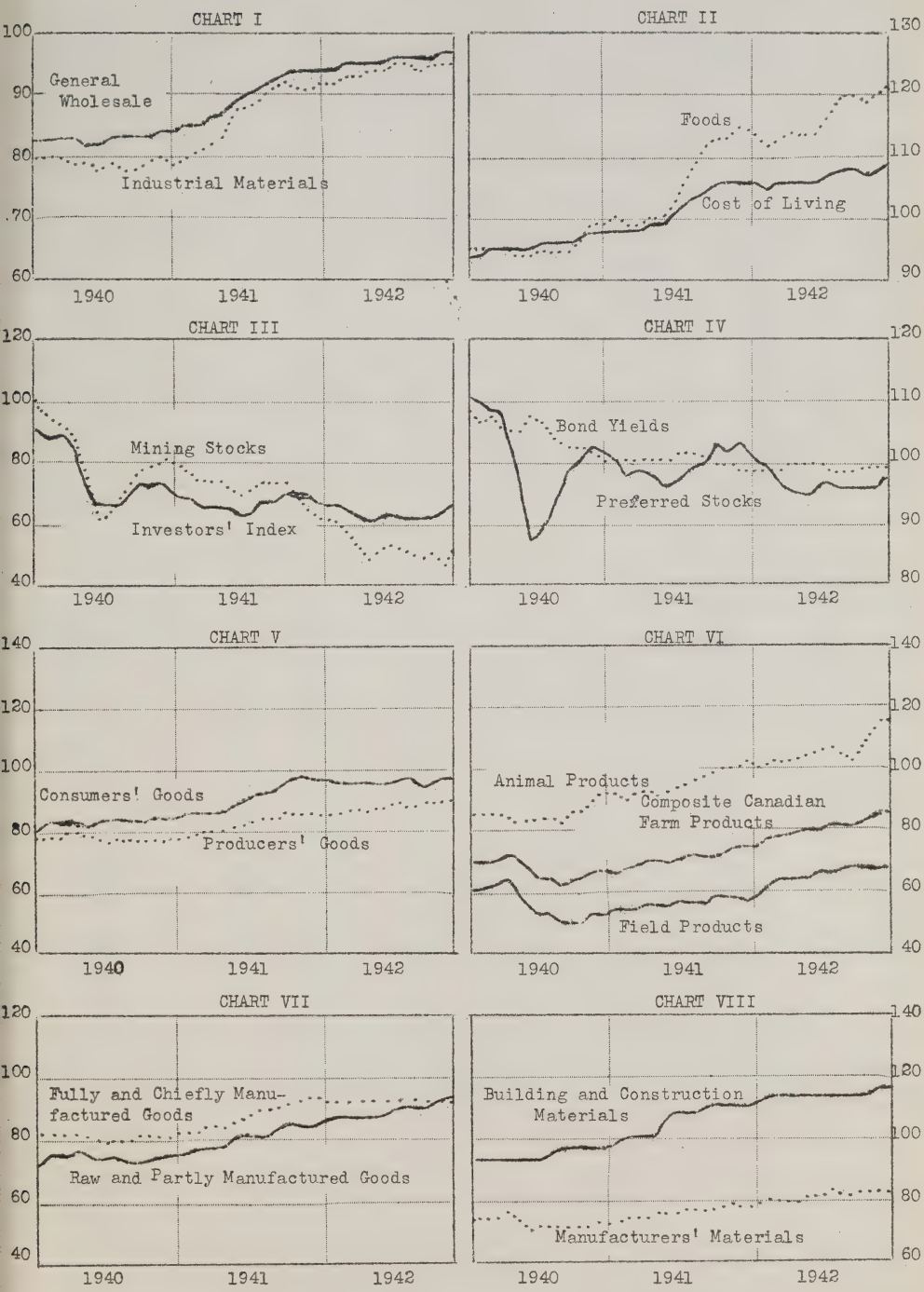
Commodity		Yearly Average 1941	Nov. 1941	Sept. 1942	Oct. 1942	Nov. 1942.
		$	$	$	$	$
OATS, No. 2 C.W. Ft.William and Pt.Arthur cash basis	Bush.	.408	.444	.484	.480	.454
WHEAT, No.1 Man. Northern Pt.William and Pt.Arthur cash basis	Bush	.747	.732	.896	.900	.905
FLOUR, First Patent, 2-98's Cotton, Toronto		5.529	5.050	5.050	5.050	5.050
SUGAR, Granulated, Montreal	Cwt.	6.643	6.893	6.893	6.893	6.893
RUBBER, Ceylon, ribbed, smoked Sheets, f.o.b. New York	Lb.	.273	.275	.275	.275	.275
LINSEED OIL, Raw, Montreal	Gal.	.834	.870	.900	.900	.900
CATTLE, steers, good up to 1050 lbs. Toronto	Cwt.	8.694	8.630	10.450	10.050	10.160
HOGS, BI, Dressed, Toronto	Cwt.	13.240	14.780	15.600	16.380	16.440
BEEF HIDES, Packer Hides Native Steers, Toronto	Lb.	.149	.150	.150	.150	.150
LEATHER, Packer crops, No.I and II f.o.b. Distributing points	Lb.	.474	.480	.480	.480	.480
BOX SIDES D, f.o.b. Ont. factory	Ft.	.225	.240	.240	.240	.240
BUTTER, Creamery prints, first grade Montreal	Lb.	.348	.352	.367	.369	.376
CHEESE, Canada, old, large Montreal	Lb.	.271	.370	.340	.340	.340
EGGS, Grade "A" large Montreal	Doz.	.346	.506	.462	.510	.510
COTTON, raw 1" - 1 1/16" Hamilton	Lb.	.188	.215	.223	.223	.223
COTTON YARNS, 10's white single Hosiery cops, Mill	Lb.	.344	.380	.293	.293	.293
WOOL, eastern bright ¼ blood domestic, f.o.b. Ontario	Lb.	.310	.310	.310	.310	.310
WOOL, western range, semi-bright ½ blood, domestic, f.o.b. Ontario	Lb.	.263	.260	.260	.260	.260
(A) Pulp, groundwood, No.1 delivered, Eastern Continental Divide	Ton	44.000	44.000	50.600	50.600	50.600
STEEL, Merchant bars, mild Mill	100 Lbs.	2.686	2.754	2.754	2.754	2.754
PIG IRON, foundry No.1 f.o.b. Plant	Gross Ton	25,500	25.500	25.500	25.500	25.500
COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic Montreal	Cwt.	11.500	11.500	11.500	11.500	11.500
LEAD, domestic, f.o.b. carlots Montreal	Cwt.	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000
TIN INGOTS, Straits, f.o.b. Toronto	Lb.	.618	.620	.620	.620	.620
ZINC, domestic, f.o.b. carlots Montreal	Cwt.	5.150	5.150	5.150	5.150	5.150
COAL, Anthracite, Toronto f.o.b. carlots	Ton	12.138	12.499	12.553	12.553	12.553
COAL, Bituminous, N.S. run-of-mine	Ton	5.650	5.700	5.700	5.700	5.700
(B) GASOLENE, Standard Toronto	Gal.	.193	.215	.215	.215	.215
SULPHURIC ACID 66° Baume f.o.b. works	Net Ton	17.250	18.000	18.000	18.000	18.000

(A) Groundwood Pulp delivered to consumers' Mills, east of Continental Divide, (exclusive of Denver).

(B) 1942 - Federal Tax included.

PRICE INDEX NUMBER SYNOPSIS

(CHARTS I, V, VI, VII & VIII - Average of 1926 Prices=100)
(CHARTS II, III, & V - Average of 1936-39 Prices=100)



INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS IN CANADA, NOVEMBER 2, 1942

(Calculations based on prices for the first business day of each month)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of living costs on the base 1935-1939=100, rose from 117.8 on October 1st to 118.6 on November 2nd. Increased food costs were accountable for the advance.

An index for 46 food items moved up from 129.8 to 132.4 between October and November. Further seasonal increases in eggs were noted, and for the first time since July, meats recorded an advance. Fruits were substantially higher, and vegetables also registered a moderate increase. Single commodities other than eggs to show increases were Butter, beef, lard, canned peas, lemons and oranges. Other groups were unchanged for November at the following levels: Rent 111.3, fuel 112.8, clothing 120.1, home-furnishings and services 117.8 and miscellaneous items 107.1

An index for retail prices alone, reflecting the higher food costs, was up from 123.7 to 125.0

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS, 1913-NOVEMBER 2, 1942

(1935-1939=100)

	Total Index	Food Index	Rent Index	Fuel and Lighting Index	Clothing Index	Home Furnishings and Miscellaneous Index	Retail Prices Index (Commodities only)
1913	79.7	88.3	74.3	76.9	88.0	70.3	-
1914	80.0	91.9	72.1	75.4	88.9	70.3	-
1917	104.5	133.3	75.8	83.8	130.3	81.5	-
1918	118.3	152.8	80.2	92.2	152.3	91.4	-
1920	150.5	188.1	100.2	119.9	213.1	110.3	-
1926	121.8	133.3	115.9	116.8	139.1	106.1	-
1929	121.7	134.7	119.7	112.6	134.8	105.0	-
1930	120.8	131.5	122.7	111.8	130.6	105.4	-
1934	95.6	92.7	93.2	102.1	97.1	97.8	

	Percentage Increase Since Aug.1,1939	Total Index	Food Index	Rent Index	Fuel and Lighting Index	Clothing Index	Home Furnishings and Services Index	Miscellaneous Index	Retail Prices Index
1935		96.2	94.6	94.0	100.9	97.6	95.4	98.7	95.9
1936		98.1	97.8	96.1	101.5	99.3	97.2	99.1	98.1
1937		101.2	103.2	99.7	98.9	101.4	101.5	100.1	102.0
1938		102.2	103.8	103.1	97.7	100.9	102.4	101.2	102.8
1939		101.5	100.6	103.8	101.2	100.7	101.4	101.4	101.0
1940		105.6	105.6	106.3	107.1	109.2	107.2	102.3	106.6
1941	10.8	111.7	116.1	109.4	110.3	116.1	113.8	105.1	114.9
1939 Aug. 1		100.8	99.3	103.8	99.0	100.1	100.9	101.3	100.0
1941 Oct. 1	14.6	115.5	123.2	111.2	112.1	119.6	117.3	106.5	120.1
Nov. 1	15.4	116.3	125.4	111.2	112.7	120.0	117.9	106.7	121.4
Dec. 1	14.9	115.8	123.8	111.2	112.7	119.9	117.9	106.7	120.6
1942 Jan. 2	14.5	115.4	122.3	111.2	112.9	119.9	118.0	106.8	119.9
Feb. 2	14.8	115.7	123.1	111.2	112.9	119.8	118.0	107.1	120.3
Mar. 2	15.0	115.9	123.7	111.2	112.9	119.8	118.0	107.1	120.6
April 1	15.0	115.9	123.7	111.2	112.9	119.8	118.1	107.1	120.6
May 1	15.2	116.1	124.3	111.3	112.9	119.9	118.0	107.1	120.9
June 1	15.8	116.7	126.2	111.3	112.6	119.9	117.9	107.1	121.8
July 2	17.0	117.9	130.3	111.3	112.5	120.0	117.9	107.1	123.9
August 1	16.8	117.7	129.6	111.3	112.5	120.1	117.8	107.1	123.5
Sept. 1	16.5	117.4	128.5	111.3	112.5	120.1	117.8	107.1	123.0
Oct. 1	16.9	117.8	129.8	111.3	112.8	120.1	117.8	107.1	123.7
Nov. 2	17.7	118.6	132.4	111.3	112.8	120.1	117.8	107.1	125.0

By Order-in-Council P.C. 6219 as amended, prices of cigarettes and tobacco used in the index for purposes of computing cost-of-living bonuses do not include the tax imposed on June 24, 1942, by the Special War Revenue Act. Since indirect taxes of this kind previously have been included in the index, an August figure reflecting the new tax has been computed to maintain continuity with preceding calculations. This index is 118.9

INDEX NUMBERS OF RETAIL PRICES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES OF FOOD IN CANADA, AUGUST 1, 1939, AND NOVEMBER 1, 1941-NOVEMBER 2, 1942.

(1935-39=100)

Year and Month	Beef Sirloin	Beef Blade	Veal Roast	Lamb Roast	Pork Fresh	Bacon Breakfast	Canned Salmon	Pure Lard	Eggs Grade "A"	Milk Fresh	Butter Creamery	Cheese Canadian	Beans Dry	Potatoes
1939 - August 1st	110.7	111.4	105.5	109.3	105.8	97.4	99.1	73.4	91.5	100.0	88.7	98.2	87.9	126.4
1941 - November 1st	135.2	149.7	147.8	120.4	133.2	129.9	132.5	117.5	154.4	111.0	121.7	171.4	113.8	113.2
December 1st	133.6	147.5	147.2	119.6	132.4	128.7	131.9	111.0	143.2	111.0	124.6	171.4	113.8	113.6
1942 - January 2nd	133.2	147.5	148.4	120.0	132.0	128.7	131.9	104.5	121.1	111.0	124.3	170.4	112.1	120.1
February 2nd	134.0	148.3	150.3	122.3	132.8	128.7	132.5	103.9	118.1	111.0	124.3	171.4	112.1	145.7
March 2nd	134.8	150.3	152.2	124.6	133.6	128.7	133.1	103.9	115.4	111.0	125.9	171.4	112.1	153.9
April 1st	135.6	152.4	152.2	125.8	134.4	128.9	133.7	104.5	110.3	111.0	126.5	171.4	112.1	155.0
May 1st	137.1	155.9	153.5	127.7	134.8	129.3	134.4	105.2	106.6	111.0	127.2	168.5	113.8	158.5
June 1st	145.5	166.4	158.5	132.7	136.0	129.3	135.0	105.2	106.6	111.0	127.2	165.7	113.8	166.3
July 2nd	156.5	181.8	164.1	151.9	137.7	130.4	135.6	104.5	113.0	111.0	126.2	163.4	113.8	234.5
August 1st	153.3	177.6	162.3	147.7	137.2	130.7	136.3	103.9	120.2	111.0	125.9	162.4	113.8	220.5
September 1st ...	147.8	170.6	164.1	135.4	137.2	131.0	137.5	102.6	134.1	111.9	126.5	161.5	112.1	169.4
October 1st	145.8	167.1	164.8	133.1	136.8	131.9	137.5	103.2	151.7	112.8	127.8	160.6	112.1	151.9
November 2nd	150.2	174.8	168.5	132.7	138.1	132.5	138.7	105.2	167.4	112.8	129.4	160.1	112.1	153.1

Year and Month	Tomatoes Canned	Peas Canned	Bread White	Flour House-hold	Rolled Oats	Rice	Prunes	Raisins	Jan Strawberry	Sugar Granulated	Sugar Yellow	Tea	Coffee	Weighted Food Index (46 Items)
1939 - August 1st	91.3	89.7	98.4	78.4	92.6	101.2	94.7	100.0	96.5	101.6	101.6	105.6	94.4	99.3
1941 - November 1st	118.8	105.9	104.8	100.0	105.5	128.0	110.5	104.8	105.3	134.4	133.3	151.2	135.7	125.4
December 1st	118.8	105.0	104.8	100.0	103.7	128.0	109.6	104.2	105.3	134.4	133.3	153.2	133.7	123.8
1942 - January 2nd	117.9	105.0	104.8	100.0	103.7	128.0	110.5	103.6	105.3	132.8	133.3	152.7	133.4	122.3
February 2nd	117.9	105.0	104.8	100.0	105.5	128.0	110.5	104.2	105.3	132.8	133.3	153.8	133.7	123.1
March 2nd	118.8	105.0	104.8	100.0	105.5	130.5	111.4	104.2	105.9	132.8	133.3	154.3	133.4	123.7
April 1st	118.8	105.0	104.8	100.0	105.5	131.7	111.4	104.2	105.9	132.8	133.3	154.7	133.7	123.7
May 1st	118.8	105.9	104.8	100.0	105.5	132.9	111.4	104.2	105.9	134.4	133.3	155.4	133.7	125.3
June 1st	118.8	105.9	104.8	100.0	105.5	132.9	111.4	104.2	105.9	134.4	133.3	155.8	133.7	126.2
July 2nd	118.8	106.7	104.8	100.0	105.5	134.1	112.3	104.2	105.9	134.4	133.3	156.2	133.7	130.3
August 1st	118.8	106.7	104.8	100.0	105.5	135.4	113.1	103.6	106.5	134.4	133.3	156.3	133.4	129.6
September 1st ...	118.8	106.7	104.8	100.0	105.5	137.8	113.1	103.6	106.5	134.4	133.3	156.3	134.0	128.5
October 1st	118.8	107.6	104.8	100.0	105.5	140.2	114.0	101.8	107.1	134.4	133.3	156.3	134.0	129.8
November 2nd	118.8	107.6	104.8	100.0	105.5	142.7	114.9	100.6	107.7	134.4	133.3	156.3	134.0	132.4

INVESTORS' INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCK PRICES

The Investor's price index of industrial, utility and bank stocks rose 7.3 p.c. to 69.5 from October 29 to December 3, reflecting a favourable turn in world war events. At this level, the weekly composite series of common stock prices was 1.6 points above the comparable index in 1941. Industrials moved 5.7 p.c. higher to 65.4, utilities 13.7 p.c. to 82.0 and banks 5.6 p.c. to 74.1 . All sub-groups shared in the advance, with the exception of industrial mines. Sharpest increases were recorded by the milling issues, which mounted 20.9 p.c. to 79.3 followed by the pulp and paper and power stocks up 16.3 p.c. to 66.3 and 77.9 respectively, transportation shares 12.9 p.c. to 86.7, building materials 12.6 p.c. to 78.9, foods 12.0 p.c. to 82.3 and beverages 11.0 p.c. to 108.8. Other gains ranged from 4.8 p.c. to 8.4 p.c. The Bureau's monthly price index for 95 common issues showed a gain of 2.6 points to 67.6 in November.

MINING STOCK PRICES

Moving in line with other sections of the domestic stock markets, an index of mining issues scored an appreciable gain of 18.5 p.c. to 54.4, between October 29 and December 3. This advance restored price levels obtaining in mid-June. Golds dominated the recovery movement with a rise of 31.6 p.c. to 44.1 while a moderate net increase of 6.0 p.c. to 74.7 was made by the base metals. The general price index of twenty-five mining listings mounted from 46.2 in October to 51.6 in November, with the golds up 7.4 points to 40.7 and base metals 1.4 points to 73.2 . Appearing below is a table of average prices for the weeks of December 3 and October 29, 1942, as compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

GOLDS

	Dec.3	Oct.29		Dec.3	Oct.29
Beattie .....$	.65	$ .50	Little Long Lac .....$	.85	$ .60
Bralorne	7.00	5.30	Macassa	2.11	1.42
Buffalo-Ankerite	1.45	1.05	McIntyre	42.00	36.25
Cariboo Gold Quartz	-	-	Pickle Crow	1.60	1.05
Central Patricia	.76	-	Pioneer	1.29	-
Dome	18.25	14.25	San Antonio	1.67	1.28
God's Lake	.11	.11	Siscoe	.38	.29
Hollinger	8.20	5.75	Sylvanite	1.20	.99
Kirkland Lake	.51	.37	Teck-Hughes	1.70	1.25
Lake Shore	9.75	6.85	Uchi	.07	.03
Lamaque Gold Mines	3.60	-	Wright-Hargreaves	2.45	1.88

BASE METALS

Falconbridge	3.40	2.50	Noranda	40.12	37.00
Hudson Bay	26.00	26.25			

PREFERRED STOCKS

The Bureau's preferred stock price index moved upward 1.4 p.c. to 97.5 between October and November. This is the highest point reached since January last when the index stood at 99.6. Milling issues led the general advance with a gain of 4.1 p. c. followed by machinery and equipment up 3.5 p.c., and textiles and foods each 3.0 p.c. above October averages. Advancing more moderately were power stocks up 2.0 p.c., Oils, 1.6 p.c., beverages, 1.2 p.c. and tobacco 1.1 p.c. Building materials alone moved downward by 1.3 p.c.

INDEX NUMBERS OF 30 PREFERRED STOCK PRICES, 1935-1942
(1935-1939=100)

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1935	88.7	89.0	85.9	83.5	82.5	82.5	84.0	85.5	83.5	83.8	87.5	89.0
1936	90.3	93.1	92.0	91.7	90.0	91.9	95.9	97.2	101.1	104.7	109.9	113.3
1937	119.7	121.1	133.8	124.4	120.9	119.8	119.9	122.4	109.8	99.2	98.9	97.7
1938	100.6	99.0	93.5	94.3	96.6	98.7	105.2	104.7	98.1	106.2	105.5	104.8
1939	102.5	101.8	101.2	95.2	95.3	98.8	100.1	97.7	100.5	107.4	108.7	110.1
1940	110.7	109.7	108.8	108.9	96.7	86.9	89.0	93.9	99.1	100.7	103.0	101.7
1941	101.4	97.6	98.7	97.9	96.3	96.8	98.5	100.0	103.2	102.2	102.6	100.7
1942	99.6	96.8	95.6	94.5	95.4	96.5	95.7	95.8	95.6	96.2	97.5	

INVESTORS' MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCKS

(1935-39=100)

	GENERAL	INDUSTRIALS										UTILITIES				BANKS
Number of Securities 1942	Total 95	Total 68	Machinery and Equipment 8	Pulp and Paper 7	Milling 3	Oils 4	Textiles and Clothing 10	Food and Allied Products 12	Beverages 7	Building Materials 15	Industrial Mines 2	Total 19	Transportation 2	Telephone Telegraph 2	Power and Traction 15	Total 8
1940 - April	88.4	85.1	105.9	122.4	113.0	74.1	135.7	115.0	109.9	105.2	84.9	93.4	82.7	106.1	93.2	102.4
May	73.3	69.2	82.0	81.1	91.5	62.6	119.3	102.7	94.0	83.2	65.0	78.2	57.1	99.3	78.3	97.4
June	65.5	61.2	74.5	65.2	74.1	50.3	104.2	89.7	85.2	74.3	62.7	71.0	47.3	95.6	70.8	91.3
July	66.1	62.6	73.5	69.2	79.1	50.8	110.4	90.8	91.0	73.5	65.8	70.4	49.0	91.4	70.9	85.5
August	69.3	65.8	78.7	76.2	80.6	52.4	114.0	93.5	95.9	77.5	71.2	73.6	55.0	95.3	73.2	88.1
September	75.8	73.1	85.5	82.1	95.5	60.7	121.4	101.6	99.5	87.0	77.4	78.0	60.1	99.5	77.2	92.9
October	74.2	71.3	84.0	80.1	93.5	56.2	120.8	101.4	99.5	88.9	77.7	77.0	55.4	100.2	76.9	91.9
November	74.5	71.3	86.0	82.6	81.4	54.5	121.5	100.7	105.8	91.2	77.8	78.2	62.2	101.4	76.2	92.7
December	70.3	65.9	78.6	76.7	75.2	48.7	116.8	99.6	106.5	87.6	71.4	76.4	55.8	101.3	75.6	94.6
1941 - January	71.3	66.9	77.6	74.1	72.3	51.6	110.6	96.8	104.3	84.0	73.2	77.3	60.9	101.2	75.4	94.7
February	66.5	62.3	72.9	63.8	69.5	48.7	105.0	90.1	96.6	77.3	67.3	71.3	51.6	100.2	68.8	90.9
March	66.8	63.1	73.6	65.4	69.5	49.5	103.1	87.9	93.7	78.5	69.0	70.7	55.7	99.2	67.0	89.9
April	65.8	62.3	73.2	63.9	68.6	49.4	101.3	88.6	88.1	77.8	67.8	68.2	57.3	97.8	62.2	89.7
May	63.9	60.7	71.8	59.7	63.4	51.3	97.4	88.6	82.8	74.4	62.6	65.2	54.8	91.6	60.3	88.3
June	64.0	60.3	72.0	59.5	67.5	48.0	101.1	90.1	87.3	74.9	64.2	67.1	58.9	92.0	62.0	89.0
July	67.5	64.0	76.3	66.1	67.5	48.4	105.7	90.5	94.3	77.8	72.3	70.6	65.8	93.0	65.3	89.7
August	67.8	64.4	76.8	70.2	72.4	49.1	106.3	91.8	95.7	79.7	71.5	71.2	70.0	94.6	64.4	89.7
September	71.0	67.5	80.5	78.5	75.1	51.3	108.4	93.3	102.4	82.4	75.8	74.7	70.3	98.6	68.8	91.2
October	69.1	65.5	78.3	75.5	74.5	51.2	105.7	91.9	98.7	78.9	71.7	72.5	65.7	96.8	67.2	90.8
November	68.8	65.3	78.2	76.4	74.9	52.9	110.0	91.0	102.6	77.8	68.9	71.1	65.2	95.3	65.5	91.7
December	67.2	63.9	75.5	72.9	72.2	49.0	110.4	91.4	104.8	75.5	69.7	68.7	60.4	95.9	63.0	90.5
1942 - January	66.8	62.9	74.3	71.9	74.5	45.9	112.8	88.7	99.2	75.1	71.9	70.4	64.5	95.5	64.4	91.1
February	64.7	60.8	73.4	69.3	69.7	43.6	108.7	85.5	96.3	73.9	70.1	67.7	60.5	93.5	62.1	91.1
March	62.3	57.8	69.7	66.1	70.9	41.2	104.3	75.8	92.8	74.0	67.3	67.5	59.4	93.5	62.0	89.4
April	61.1	56.6	70.6	63.2	69.6	41.4	102.4	74.2	93.1	73.9	64.2	66.3	60.6	91.9	60.2	88.4
May	62.0	57.9	74.7	61.1	70.5	43.2	104.3	73.5	94.2	75.7	65.2	66.4	59.6	92.0	60.7	87.4
June	62.8	58.4	76.2	61.1	69.6	44.5	106.6	73.9	93.6	76.8	64.9	68.1	56.6	92.3	64.3	87.7
July	62.4	58.6	76.6	58.9	65.3	46.6	100.4	75.9	95.5	75.3	62.7	67.8	58.4	86.5	65.2	81.7
August	61.6	58.5	76.0	56.0	61.2	47.5	97.7	75.3	98.3	73.1	61.9	67.8	58.8	80.8	66.9	71.9
September	62.6	59.8	77.9	55.9	62.0	49.0	99.8	74.2	98.7	71.2	64.1	69.2	62.5	83.4	67.1	69.0
October	65.0	62.2	80.3	57.8	64.9	51.0	99.6	74.0	98.9	70.8	68.4	72.0	73.4	83.9	67.9	70.3
November	67.6	64.1	82.5	62.6	72.3	53.7	101.6	77.1	105.5	74.9	68.0	77.6	85.7	87.1	72.1	72.3

INDEX NUMBERS OF TWENTY-FIVE MINING STOCKS
(1935-39=100)

No. of Stocks	Golds	Base Metals	Total Index
1942	22	3	25
x1929 - High	76.2	127.3	89.2
Low	44.8	63.0	60.6
x1932 - High	53.6	32.9	45.2
Low	41.2	17.0	32.6
x1933 - High	95.0	57.7	81.4
Low	55.1	27.3	45.4
x1934 - High	119.0	67.1	99.9
Low	87.6	50.0	74.8
x1935 - High	111.4	84.7	95.3
Low	83.9	51.5	80.1
x1936 - High	115.7	128.9	118.8
Low	100.5	82.3	94.4
x1937 - High	120.0	142.7	125.6
Low	84.7	73.3	80.8
x1938 - High	106.6	129.1	112.2
Low	89.3	82.8	87.3
x1939 - High	105.7	130.1	113.5
Low	82.5	109.6	91.9
x1940 - High	92.1	122.4	102.2
Low	55.8	69.5	60.5
x1941 - High	75.2	96.1	80.6
Low	50.7	80.6	61.0
1940			
September	70.8	91.0	77.5
October	72.9	91.3	79.2
November	76.3	94.5	82.4
December	74.9	90.0	80.2
1941			
January	74.4	89.2	79.4
February	70.6	83.2	74.9
March	70.0	84.7	75.1
April	69.0	87.6	75.1
May	66.1	81.2	71.2
June	64.4	83.9	71.0
July	66.2	91.3	74.6
August	66.0	91.7	74.6
September	66.0	94.0	75.4
October	60.8	87.4	69.7
November	54.9	83.0	65.0
December	52.2	84.8	63.2
1942			
January	50.5	84.3	61.9
February	45.4	81.5	57.5
March	40.1	75.3	51.9
April	37.5	72.8	49.3
May	39.6	75.8	51.7
June	42.6	74.3	53.2
July	39.3	73.3	50.6
August	38.0	72.3	49.4
September	38.4	72.1	49.7
October	33.3	71.8	46.2
November	40.7	73.2	51.6
Weekly Index Numbers			
Week ending Oct. 1st	37.1	72.6	49.0
" " " 8th	33.1	72.9	46.4
" " " 15th	33.9	74.3	47.4
" " " 22nd	32.7	69.6	45.1
" " " 29th	33.5	70.5	45.9
" " Nov. 5th	35.8	73.1	48.3
" " " 12th	40.1	74.5	51.6
" " " 19th	40.4	71.0	50.6
" " " 26th	43.0	72.9	53.0
" " Dec. 3rd	44.1	74.7	54.4
" " " 10th	42.6	72.7	52.7

x Weekly figures.

INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELDS

Dominion of Canada long-term bonds moved narrowly during November, according to the Bureau's index of yields which continued at the October level of 99.6 (1935-1939=100). This was 0.5 above November 1941, and 2.3 below November 1940. The weekly index remained at 99.6 throughout the month, making ten consecutive weeks in which it has stood at the same level. This was but 0.3 below the high for the year of 99.9, on March 25. Provincials were firm. An index of representative Province of Ontario bond yields, computed from information furnished by Wood, Gundy and Company, Limited, declined from 91.8 for October to 90.1 for November, and the average yield of the issues included decreased from 3.23 to 3.17.

In the latter part of November, a slightly easier tendency was discernible in British Consols, which closed 5/16 lower at 82, while the Dow-Jones average of selected United States bonds fell from 91.06 to 89.99.

MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELDS. 1936 - 1942.
(1935-1939=100

	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942
January	106.5	95.2	102.2	97.3	109.3	100.6	99.4
February	103.6	100.1	100.8	97.2	107.2	100.8	99.3
March	102.4	106.4	100.3	95.4	107.9	100.5	99.6
April	101.8	107.2	97.4	96.3	105.5	100.6	99.6
May	100.9	106.4	96.2	97.8	104.5	101.1	99.5
June	98.0	105.6	98.0	95.7	107.8	101.9	98.8
July	95.5	104.4	98.7	96.0	107.0	101.5	98.7
August	92.6	102.9	98.8	98.6	104.3	101.2	99.0
September	91.8	103.2	101.9	117.0	103.1	100.3	99.4
October	96.0	106.2	99.3	111.9	102.6	100.2	99.6
November	94.7	105.7	97.4	108.4	101.9	99.1	99.6
December	93.3	102.9	97.2	110.5	101.0	99.3	-

WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BONDS, 1942.

	Yields		Yields		Yields
September 2	99.3	October 7	99.6	November 4	99.6
" 9	99.3	" 14	99.6	" 11	99.6
" 16	99.3	" 21	99.6	" 18	99.6
" 23	99.6	" 28	99.6	" 25	99.6
" 30	99.6				

EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS AT MONTREAL, AUGUST 1939 AND 1940-1942

Note: The noon rates in Canadian Funds upon which these averages are based have been supplies by the Bank of Canada.

	New York Funds $	London Sterling $	(A) Argentine Peso (Paper) $	(A) Brazil Milreis $	India Rupee $
1939 - August	1.0047	4.6327	.2321	.0504	.3346
1940	*1.1050	*4.450	.2539	.0557	.3359
1941	1.1050	4.450	.2621	.0563	.3356
1942 - June	1.1050	4.450	.2611	.0571	.3359
July	1.1050	4.450	.2622	.0571	.3359
August	1.1050	4.450	.2636	.0571	.3359
September	1.1050	4.450	.2631	.0571	.3359
October	1.1050	4.450	.2632	.0572	.3359
November	1.1050	4.450	.2626	.0572	.3359

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* Since September 16, 1939, quotations used are the average of the daily buying and selling rates set by the Foreign Exchange Control Board. The current buying and selling rate for sterling is $4.43 and $4.47 and U.S. funds $1.10 and $1.11.

(A) Unofficial.

MONTHLY INDEXES OF AMERICAN STOCK PRICES, 1938-1942.
(Issued by Standard and Poor's Trade Securities)
(1935-1939=100)

	Composite	Industrials	Railroads	Utilities
938 - October	98.5	101.2	77.8	92.7
November	99.4	102.1	79.1	94.0
December	97.1	100.0	76.4	90.7
Year	88.2	90.1	69.5	85.6
939 - January	97.0	98.7	79.0	94.9
February	95.1	96.0	74.3	97.9
March	96.0	96.6	77.7	99.6
April	85.0	85.1	63.9	92.5
May	98.4	88.3	67.0	96.8
June	89.9	89.9	67.5	98.1
July	91.8	91.8	69.2	100.1
August	90.7	90.4	66.8	101.1
September	99.7	101.3	82.4	98.4
October	100.7	101.8	87.2	100.4
November	98.9	99.6	82.8	101.8
December	97.0	97.6	78.4	101.3
Year	95.1	94.8	74.7	98.8
940 - January	97.1	97.7	77.7	103.0
February	96.8	97.1	76.5	102.4
March	96.7	97.3	76.7	101.6
April	98.1	98.7	77.3	102.6
May	85.1	85.2	65.4	92.3
June	78.1	77.3	60.8	88.5
July	85.8	79.3	65.2	93.9
August	81.6	80.3	66.0	93.5
September	85.5	84.6	71.6	94.7
October	86.0	85.4	72.6	93.7
November	86.7	86.6	73.6	92.3
December	84.9	84.9	70.0	90.6
Year	88.5	87.9	71.1	95.8
941 - January	85.0	84.7	73.4	91.1
February	80.1	79.4	70.0	87.1
March	80.3	79.6	70.6	87.1
April	77.9	77.3	71.2	83.1
May	77.1	77.3	70.7	78.9
June	79.5	79.7	70.9	81.6
July	83.2	84.2	73.8	81.8
August	83.2	84.3	74.4	81.0
September	83.6	84.8	72.6	81.3
October	80.4	81.6	70.3	78.5
November	77.4	78.6	68.4	74.5
December	71.8	73.8	61.0	66.2
1942 - January	72.6	74.3	69.0	66.1
February	69.9	71.0	68.4	64.5
March	66.0	67.2	65.0	60.5
April	63.3	64.8	61.1	56.5
May	63.2	64.7	60.3	67.2
June	66.1	68.2	59.0	58.8
July	68.2	70.6	62.9	58.4
August	68.3	70.5	65.4	58.8
September	69.4	71.6	66.7	59.5
October	74.2	76.5	72.7	63.7
November (3rd week)	74.8	76.7	72.4	66.2

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PRICE MOVEMENTS, DECEMBER, 1942

WHOLESALE: Closing the year at a 1942 peak of 97.2, the composite monthly wholesale price index on the base 1926=100 registered a gain of 0.1 over November and 3.6 points over December 1941. Accounting for the November-December increase were advances in the vegetable, animal and non-metallic products groups which more than offset a drop of 1.3 points in the chemicals and allied products section. No changes were recorded in the other four main groups during this interval. Wholesale price levels represented by the December index are now at the highest point touched since the spring of 1928, and indicate a gain of 24.9 points, or 34.4 p.c. since August 1939. An increase of 0.2 points to 95.1 occurred in the monthly index of 30 industrial materials between November and December, while for the year an advance of 3.4 points was recorded. The foods section gained 1.0 to 88.1 on increases for steers and hogs, which offset losses for wheat and oats. Manufacturing materials eased 0.1 to 82.5 due to weakness in rosin while the stable series was unchanged at 114.4. The Canadian farm product price index moved up 0.7 points during the month, and the December, 1942 index of 87.0 was 12.4 points above the December, 1941 level. Sub-group changes in December showed field products up 0.7 points at 69.0 on gains for grain, tobacco, potatoes, onions and hay, while animal products increased the same amount to 117.0, on higher quotations for livestock coupled with a minor increase for hides and skins. These offset a seasonal decline in eggs.

COST OF LIVING: (Wartime increase 17.9 per cent - from 100.8 to 118.8). The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index advanced from 118.6 on November 2 to 118.8 on December 1, 1942. In compliance with Order-in-Council P.C. 6219 as amended, the price of cigarettes and tobacco in the December index does not include the tax imposed on June 24, 1942. The December increase resulted from small advances for foods, clothing and miscellaneous items. The food index changed from 132.4 for November to 132.8 for December as higher prices for lard, butter, eggs, lamb and potatoes overbalanced declines for oranges and lemons. The clothing index advanced fractionally from 120.1 to 120.2, and the miscellaneous index increased also by 0.1 to 107.2, as newspaper rates in several cities were moved upward. Other groups remained unchanged, rentals at 111.3, fuel and light at 112.8, and home furnishings and services at 117.8.

SECURITIES: At 71.3 for December, the Investors' composite index for 95 common stocks showed an increase of 3.7 points over November, while compared with December, 1941 there was an advance of 4.1 points. Industrial stocks as a group gained 3.1 points to reach 67.2 in December, and utilities were up 6.2 at 83.8. Most pronounced strength was noted for milling stocks, up 9.6 points at 81.9; pulp and paper 8.6 points at 71.2; power and traction stocks 8.6 points at 80.7; textiles and clothing 7.7 points at 109.3; foods and allied product issues 5.4 points at 82.5, and building materials 4.7 points at 79.6. In the mining section higher quotations for both gold and base metal issues were reflected in an advance in the composite index of 3.1 points to 54.7 between November and December. The gold series of 22 issues mounted 4.0 points to 44.7 in the same interval, while the base metal group stiffened 1.2 points to 74.4. Compared with December, 1941, however, the composite mining stock index in December, 1942 showed a decline of 8.5 points. As indicated by an index series based upon a 15-year 3 p.c. theoretical issue, Dominion of Canada long-term bond yields were weaker in December, easing 0.2 points to 99.4, while compared with December, 1941 the net change was fractional.

Daily buying and selling rates set by the Canadian Foreign Exchange Control Board at $4.43-$4.47 for sterling and $1.10-$1.11 for United States funds were unchanged throughout 1942.

VEGETABLE PRODUCTS: Gaining fractionally in December, the composite vegetable products index equalled its previous 1942 peak of 86.0 for July. Compared with December, 1941 the index registered an advance of 5.8 points, due in considerable part to an increase from 70¢ to 90¢ per bushel in the guaranteed basic price for No.1 Northern wheat at the beginning of the 1942-43 crop year. Between November and December the following index increases were noted: onions, up 14.7 points to 112.2; unmanufactured tobacco, up 7.6 points to 73.3 on a higher price for burley tobacco; miscellaneous vegetable products 6.5 points higher at 94.5 on gains for hay; potatoes up 2.3 points to 83.1; dried fruits 0.8 points to 92.3 on firmer quotations for raisins and currants; flour and other milled products 0.4 to 78.9 due to increase in Ontario winter wheat flour and gluten feed, and grains 0.1 to 67.3 on small increases for rye, oats, barley and Ontario winter wheat. For the same interval a decline was noted for the tea, coffee, cocoa and spices sub-group, off 13.1 points to 109.6, due to the effects of new government subsidy payments for tea and coffee. Fresh fruits, down 2.3 points to 140.7, reflected lower

prices for oranges. This outweighed higher quotations for lemons and bananas. Other sub-groups were unchanged.

From August 1 to December 31, 1942, western Canadian farmers delivered 137 million bushels of wheat to country elevators compared with 143 million bushels delivered in the corresponding period of 1941. Visible wheat stocks as of December 31,1942, showed a reduction of 33 millions at 469 million bushels when compared with the corresponding figure for 1941.

ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS: Gains for fishery products, furs, hides and skins, livestock, meats, and milk and its products barely overbalanced an 8 p.c. drop in the price of eggs, and the index of prices of animals and their products moved up narrowly from 106.0 in November to 106.2 in December. Prices of fresh fish averaged from ½¢ to 1¢ per pound higher and salt spring mackerel rose 50¢ per barrel, f.o.b. maritime points. An 8.7 p.c. rise in the price of silver fox pelts caused the index of furs to advance 0.7 to 67.6. Hides and skins moved forward 1.0 to 120.1 as sheep skins continued upward. The livestock price index rose from 129.6 to 137.1 between November and December. Cattle markets held strong on short supplies and prices averaged 7 p.c. above November, although somewhat easier quotations prevailed as the month closed. Shipments to yards and plants aggregated 109,830 head in December compared with 150,695 in November and 116,022 in December, 1941. Calf prices also rose about 6 p.c., and lambs advanced over 7 p.c., while hog quotations averaged less than 1 p.c. over November levels. As from December 24, a ½¢ per pound rise was authorized in wholesale beef prices and the fresh meat index advanced from 121.3 to 122.0. Cured meats also rose narrowly from 97.0 to 97.1. Milk and its products moved up from 103.2 to 103.5, due to higher quotations for butter which averaged 1 p.c. over the previous month. However, wholesale prices eased about 1½¢ per pound, following the increase in the subsidy on butterfat from 6¢ to 10¢ per pound effective from December 21, 1942 to May 1, 1943. Cold storage stocks of creamery butter were reported by the Agricultural Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at 21,631,900 pounds on January 1, 1943, compared with 30,955,000 pounds on December 1, and 42,724,000 pounds on January 1, 1942. Rationing of butter became effective in Canada as from December 21. Egg prices dropped over 8 p.c., and the December index fell accordingly to 108.1. Production increased steadily and towards the close of the month surpluses appeared at many centres. Price declines averaged about 1¢ per dozen for A's large and 5 and 4¢ per dozen respectively for B's and C's. When quotations neared export levels, the Special Products Board began purchasing supplies. As calculated by the Agricultural Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, cold storage stocks on January 1 totalled 10,800 dozen compared with 437,700 dozen on the first of the previous month and 319,000 dozen on January 1, 1942.

FIBRES, TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS: Holding at 92.0 for the final month of 1942, the composite index for the fibres, textiles and textile products group has registered no change since August. Compared with December, 1941 an index decline of 2.9 points was recorded, reflecting price reductions for a number of cotton yarn and fabric items during the year in accordance with "roll-back" orders issued by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board. Among sub-groups cotton thread and yarn declined 6.8 points to 96.3 between December 1941 and December 1942, while cotton fabrics moved down 6.7 points to 82.5 in the same interval. Cotton knit goods were down 5.2 points at 98.9, while miscellaneous cotton products were unchanged throughout the year at 109.1. Other groups registering declines in 1942 were miscellaneous fibre products, off 0.9 points to 92.2; silk fabrics 1.8 points to 67.2; artificial silk yarns 1.4 points to 49.0 and carpets 3.0 points to 118.8. No price changes were recorded during the year for silk thread and yarn, the index for which remained at 72.0. Silk hosiery likewise remained at 73.1; raw wool at 94.7; wool hosiery and knit goods at 108.8; wool blankets at 123.7, and woollen cloth at 105.2. The only woollen group to record an increase was wool yarns, up 14.7 points to 123.0 due to higher quotations for imported lines. Raw cotton consumption for the first eleven months of 1942 at 458,107 bales was 0.9 p.c. above consumption in the same period of 1941.

WOOD, WOOD PRODUCTS AND PAPER: The composite index for wood, wood products and paper remained at 102.8 for December, but compared with December, 1941 this index has advanced 3.6 points. Partially accounting for the increase were advances in certain items for export which are not under the 'ceiling'. Sub-group changes during the year showed pine lumber up 12.4 points to 139.1, reflecting authorized price increases in 'ceiling' levels by the Timber Controller. The spruce index moved 5.7 points higher to 133.6, while hemlock was up 4.4 to 152.8. Cedar lumber and shingles closed the year with a net gain of 13.1 points at 161.1, on strength in the shingle export market. Fir lumber and timber remained at 125.9, while hardwood lumber was steady also at 104.8. Demand for lumber during the past year exceeded that for 1941, with exports to the United States particularly heavy. Further restrictions were placed on civilian lumber consumption and distribution to conserve supplies throughout the year, and in September, under an eight-point programme, lumbering was classified as an essential war industry. Labour shortage was the main deterrent to increased production in 1942 and mainly because of this factor it was estimated the total 'cut' for 1943 would not

exceed 4 billion feet, board measure. Furniture prices were slightly higher at the close of 1942, an index level of 104.7 comparing with 103.5 in December 1941. An order by the Furniture Controller permitted manufacturers of wooden furniture to advance their prices to a maximum of 6 p.c. over 'ceiling' period levels. Wood-pulp prices advanced 10.1 points to an index level of 119.0 during the year, while an index of newsprint prices was unchanged at 74.0. Because of restrictions of the use of hydro-electric power, newsprint production was lower in the final quarter of 1942 than in the same period of 1941.

IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTS: There were no changes in the prices of the Bureau's list of iron and steel products and the index held at 115.3 in December, unchanged since May. November output of pig iron as calculated by the Mining Metallurgical and Chemical Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics totalled 170,578 net tons, 4,846 tons less than in the record month of October. Output of steel ingots and castings aggregated 270,612 tons, 315 tons less than in October, but the daily production rate of 9,027 tons was 281 tons greater. To conserve materials further restrictions were placed upon the manufacture of heating, plumbing, and air conditioning equipment and supplies.

NON-FERROUS METALS: The composite index for non-ferrous metals continued unchanged in December at 79.7; this level has obtained for the past four months. When compared with December, 1941, however, there has been an advance of 2.1 points in the index. The increase in 1942 was influenced materially by an advance in the export price of silver; the United States government revised its buying price of foreign silver from 35 1/8¢ per ounce (United States funds) to 44¾¢, effective September 1. Tin, up 2.9 points at 95.6, and antimony 0.4 points at 97.5 were the two other sub-groups to register increases during the year. The Metals Controller further restricted the use of non-ferrous metals for non-essential requirements in 1942, with tin, copper, zinc, nickel and aluminum all being affected.

NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS: Higher prices for sand and crushed stone at eastern centres, advanced the index of non-metallic minerals and their products from 100.1 in November to 100.4 in December. Gravel at Toronto rose 10 p.c., causing the index of the sand and gravel prices to move up from 87.3 to 89.1. Crushed stone prices were also higher at both Montreal and Toronto and the index for this group rose 13 p.c. to 91.1. Other sub-group indexes remained unchanged.

CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS: Easier quotations for drugs and pharmaceuticals, industrial gases and fertilizers caused the December index of prices of chemicals and allied products to decline 1.3 points to 100.8. Drugs and pharmaceuticals fell 4.6 p.c. on reduced prices for tartaric acid crystals, f.o.b. Montreal. Industrial gases moved down from 82.9 in November to 82.3 in the following month, and the fertilizer index receded from 84.9 to 83.9. Lower quotations for muriate of potash and superphosphate more than offset a rise ½ of 1 p.c. in the price of nitrate of soda. By order A-519 of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, sales of fertilizers containing chemical nitrogen were restricted as from December 19.

Weekly Index Numbers of 30 Industrial Material Prices
(1926=100)

Month	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
December, 1942	94.9	95.0	95.1	95.2	95.3
November, 1942	95.0	95.0	94.9	95.0	-
October, 1942	94.8	95.0	95.1	95.0	94.9
September, 1942	94.7	94.9	94.8	94.9	-

Weekly Index Numbers of Canadian Farm Products
(1926=100)

Month	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
December, 1942	86.2	86.4	87.1	87.2	87.3
November, 1942	86.1	86.3	86.4	86.1	-
October, 1942	85.0	85.5	85.7	85.9	85.9
September, 1942	84.3	84.3	83.9	84.3	-

SUMMARY TABLES OF CANADIAN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

(1926=100)

	General Wholesale Price Index	Consumers' Goods	Producers' Goods	Building Materials	Raw and Partly Manufactured Goods	Fully and Chiefly Manufactured Goods	Canadian Farm Products			Industrial Materials	Thirteen Sensitive Materials
							Field	Animal	Total		
1913	64.0	62.0	67.7	67.0	63.8	64.8	56.4	77.0	64.1	-	-
1920	155.9	136.1	164.3	144.0	154.1	156.5	166.5	150.8	160.6	-	-
1929	95.6	94.7	96.1	99.0	97.5	93.0	93.8	112.5	100.8	91.8	87.2
1933	67.1	71.1	63.1	78.3	56.6	70.2	45.8	59.7	51.0	54.1	43.8
1939	75.4	75.9	70.4	89.7	67.4	75.3	54.2	81.2	64.3	69.0	57.0
1940	82.9	83.4	78.7	95.6	75.3	81.5	56.0	85.8	67.1	79.0	65.9
1941	90.0	91.1	83.6	107.3	81.8	88.8	56.5	95.9	71.2	87.3	75.0
1939 August	72.3	72.7	66.7	90.2	62.8	72.6	48.2	75.4	58.4	65.3	52.9
1940											
November	84.0	84.8	78.8	98.2	76.1	82.4	52.5	91.0	66.9	79.8	66.0
December	84.2	85.2	79.1	98.0	76.2	83.0	52.5	91.6	67.1	79.1	64.7
1941											
January	84.8	85.5	79.8	99.1	76.6	83.4	53.6	90.0	67.2	80.1	65.7
February	85.4	85.7	80.5	100.2	77.7	83.8	54.4	91.6	68.3	81.2	66.9
March	86.0	86.2	81.3	100.6	78.9	84.3	55.6	91.8	69.1	82.3	68.6
April	86.8	87.1	81.6	100.9	79.3	85.5	55.9	92.2	69.5	83.4	70.8
May	88.8	88.9	83.5	107.8	80.8	87.2	55.5	93.3	69.6	86.5	73.6
June	90.1	90.6	84.2	108.5	81.8	88.9	57.1	94.3	71.0	88.0	75.4
July	91.2	92.1	84.5	109.9	82.5	90.4	57.1	96.1	71.7	89.3	77.6
August	92.0	93.6	84.5	111.6	83.4	91.0	56.7	97.9	72.1	90.3	79.7
September	93.3	95.4	85.5	112.2	84.6	92.5	57.6	99.6	73.3	91.5	80.5
October	93.9	96.6	85.7	112.1	85.4	93.1	57.9	101.1	74.1	91.3	80.6
November	94.0	96.7	85.4	112.1	85.4	93.1	57.4	102.0	74.1	91.0	80.4
December	93.6	95.3	85.7	112.9	85.6	92.2	59.2	100.5	74.6	91.7	80.4
1942											
January	94.3	95.3	86.8	113.1	87.2	92.0	62.8	101.5	77.3	92.4	80.4
February	94.6	94.9	87.2	113.3	87.8	91.7	64.3	102.1	78.4	93.2	80.8
March	95.1	95.4	87.4	114.2	88.4	92.1	64.6	102.7	78.8	93.3	80.9
April	95.0	95.1	87.7	114.4	88.6	91.9	65.0	103.7	79.5	93.5	80.9
May	95.2	95.1	88.3	114.4	89.4	91.6	65.5	104.8	80.2	94.2	81.5
June	95.8	96.0	88.7	114.2	90.5	91.5	66.3	107.0	81.5	94.8	81.6
July	96.0	96.6	88.0	113.8	90.4	91.9	67.7	103.6	81.1	94.6	82.0
August	95.5	95.3	88.7	113.8	89.7	91.8	68.4	102.9	81.3	94.3	81.8
September	96.0	96.0	89.1	114.2	91.4	92.0	67.6	112.2	84.3	94.8	82.3
October	96.8	96.9	89.3	116.2	93.1	92.2	67.9	115.5	85.7	95.0	82.6
November	97.1	97.3	89.5	116.4	93.5	92.4	68.3	116.3	86.3	94.9	82.6
December	97.2	97.1	90.0	116.7	93.5	92.6	69.0	117.0	87.0	95.1	82.5

COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Note: Wholesale price indexes appearing in this bulletin are subject to revision.

	Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1941	Dec. 1941	Oct. 1942	Nov. 1942	Dec. 1942
	Total Index	526	90.0	93.6	96.8	97.1	97.2
I.	Vegetable Products	123	77.0	80.2	85.6	85.9	86.0
	Fruits	14	88.6	96.0	128.6	128.0	126.3
	Fresh	4	91.8	98.6	143.9	143.0	140.7
	Dried	4	82.2	93.6	91.5	91.5	92.3
	Canned	6	75.5	82.8	73.5	73.5	73.5
	Grains	22	56.2	57.6	67.0	67.2	67.3
	Flour and Milled Products	12	76.7	75.0	78.3	78.5	78.9
	Bakery Products	2	86.3	86.8	86.8	86.8	86.8
	Vegetable Oils	4	109.8	129.8	132.2	132.2	132.2
	Rubber and Its Products	7	74.2	75.7	75.7	75.7	75.7
	Sugar and Its Products and Glucose	8	115.9	120.4	120.6	120.6	120.6
	Tea, Coffee, Cocoa and Spices	13	109.1	119.8	122.7	122.7	109.6
	Vegetables	13	66.1	77.4	79.6	82.4	85.4
II.	Animals and Their Products	75	92.1	98.8	104.5	106.0	106.2
	Fishery Products	16	92.9	106.9	115.1	115.8	116.9
	Furs	9	80.5	92.5	66.9	66.9	67.6
	Hides and Skins	6	110.3	119.3	114.6	119.1	120.1
	Leather, Unmanufactured	9	106.3	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9
	Boots and Shoes	2	103.5	107.7	105.7	105.7	105.7
	Live Stock	4	110.0	114.8	128.7	129.6	137.1
	Meats and Poultry	9	94.9	100.0	105.9	107.8	108.2
	Milk and Its Products	12	93.2	98.8	102.0	103.2	103.5
	Fats	5	63.3	70.3	76.5	80.1	81.2
	Eggs	3	70.8	81.9	115.1	117.9	108.1
III.	Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	64	91.0	94.9	92.0	92.0	92.0
	Cotton, Raw	2	98.4	119.0	119.0	119.0	119.0
	Cotton Fabrics	19	87.8	89.2	82.5	82.5	82.5
	Knit Goods	3	95.4	104.1	98.9	98.9	98.9
	Flax, Hemp and Jute Products	6	86.0	93.1	92.2	92.2	92.2
	Rayon and Silk Hosiery	1	70.2	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1
	Rayon Fabrics	2	69.0	69.0	67.2	67.2	67.2
	Artificial Silk Products	2	49.0	50.4	49.0	49.0	49.0
	Wool, Raw	3	95.0	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7
	Wool Hosiery and Knit Goods	5	108.2	108.8	108.8	108.8	108.8
	Wool Cloth	6	104.5	105.2	105.2	105.2	105.2
IV.	Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	96.0	99.2	102.6	102.8	102.8
	Newsprint and Wrapping Paper	2	74.0	74.0	74.0	74.0	74.0
	Lumber	33	120.6	129.4	135.1	135.7	135.7
	Pulp	3	108.9	108.9	119.0	119.0	119.0
	Furniture	10	99.1	103.5	104.7	104.7	104.7
V.	Iron and Its Products	44	111.3	112.9	115.3	115.3	115.3
	Pig Iron and Steel Billets	3	101.7	101.7	104.8	104.8	104.8
	Rolling Mill Products	14	115.0	117.2	121.3	121.3	121.3
	Hardware	16	92.5	93.9	93.9	93.9	93.9
	Wire	3	99.3	100.4	100.4	100.4	100.4
	Scrap	5	112.3	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9
VI.	Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	17	77.7	77.6	79.7	79.7	79.7
	Brass and Copper Products	5	86.3	86.7	86.7	86.7	86.7
	Lead and Its Products	2	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1
	Tin Ingots	2	91.1	92.7	95.6	95.6	95.6
	Zinc and Its Products	2	59.1	59.1	59.1	59.1	59.1
	Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products (V and VI above)	61	100.1	100.1	103.4	103.4	103.4

COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

	Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1941	Dec. 1941	Oct. 1942	Nov. 1942	Dec. 1942
VII.	Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	81	95.6	99.3	100.1	100.1	100.4
	Clay and Allied Material Products	10	93.7	96.3	101.3	101.3	101.3
	Coal	13	108.3	111.6	113.8	113.8	113.8
	Coke	4	121.8	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5
	Manufactured Gas	3	103.4	103.5	103.5	103.5	103.5
	Glass and Its Products	6	102.8	104.4	104.4	104.4	104.4
	Petroleum Products	5	78.9	85.1	85.1	85.1	85.1
	Asphalt	2	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3
	Salt	4	123.6	130.6	130.6	130.6	130.6
	Lime	4	108.4	111.8	112.2	112.2	112.2
	Cement	1	104.1	106.5	106.5	106.5	106.5
	Sand and Gravel	8	87.6	89.6	87.3	87.3	89.1
	Crushed Stone	3	78.5	87.6	80.3	80.3	91.1
	Building Stone	3	68.4	70.8	70.8	70.8	70.8
	Asbestos	8	74.1	74.1	74.1	74.1	74.1
VIII.	Chemicals and Allied Products	73	98.9	104.1	102.0	102.1	100.8
	Inorganic Chemicals	22	89.2	89.4	88.4	89.1	89.1
	Organic Chemicals	5	86.0	90.4	90.4	90.4	90.4
	Coal Tar Products	2	90.7	91.1	91.1	91.1	91.1
	Dyeing and Tanning Materials	10	131.4	136.4	136.4	136.4	136.4
	Explosives	2	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1
	Paints, Prepared	1	79.7	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5
	Drugs and Pharmaceutical Chemicals	8	162.6	174.7	175.7	175.7	167.7
	Fertilizers	10	87.9	88.1	84.9	84.9	83.9
	Industrial Gases	2	85.1	83.6	83.9	82.9	82.3

PURPOSE CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

I.	CONSUMERS' GOODS (Groups A and B)	215	91.1	95.3	96.9	97.3	97.1
A.	Foods, Beverages and Tobacco	118	89.5	94.6	100.7	101.8	101.6
	Beverages	8	112.9	123.3	125.8	125.8	110.0
	Flour and Milled Products	12	76.7	75.0	78.3	78.5	78.9
	Bakery Products	2	86.3	86.8	86.8	86.8	86.8
	Fish	16	92.9	106.9	115.1	115.8	116.9
	Fruits	14	88.6	96.0	128.6	128.0	126.3
	Meats and Poultry	9	94.9	100.0	105.9	107.8	108.2
	Milk and Milk Products	12	93.2	98.8	102.0	103.2	103.5
	Sugar and Its Products	8	115.9	120.4	120.6	120.6	120.6
	Vegetables	13	66.1	77.4	79.6	82.4	85.4
	Eggs	3	70.8	81.9	115.1	117.9	108.1
	Tobacco	7	41.9	44.2	45.7	45.7	53.3
B.	Other Consumers' Goods	97	92.2	95.8	94.3	94.3	94.1
	Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Rubbers, Hosiery and Underwear	48	91.4	93.9	90.9	90.9	90.9
	Household Equipment and Supplies	49	92.9	97.5	96.8	96.8	96.4
II.	PRODUCERS' GOODS (Groups C and D)	377	83.6	85.7	89.3	89.5	90.0
C.	Producers' Equipment	24	105.7	108.6	110.4	110.5	110.5
	Tools	3	93.7	98.1	98.1	98.1	98.1
	Light, Heat and Power Equipment and Supplies	17	106.0	110.0	111.9	112.0	112.0
	Explosives	2	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1
	Miscellaneous	2	100.8	100.8	100.8	100.8	100.8

PURPOSE CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1941	Dec. 1941	Oct. 1942	Nov. 1942	Dec. 1942
D. Producers' Materials	353	81.1	83.2	87.0	87.2	87.7
Building and Construction Materials	110	107.3	112.9	116.2	116.4	116.7
+ Lumber	33	120.6	129.4	135.1	135.7	135.7
Paint	12	82.3	87.4	87.4	87.4	87.4
Miscellaneous	65	100.8	103.5	105.2	105.2	105.7
Manufacturers' Materials	243	76.6	78.2	82.1	82.2	82.8
Textiles and Clothing	46	88.2	90.3	87.0	87.0	87.0
Furs and Leather Goods	24	98.0	106.2	96.7	97.4	97.7
For Metal Working Industries	40	84.9	85.1	87.4	87.4	87.4
For Chemical Using Industries	42	96.5	98.2	98.3	98.7	98.6
For Meat Packing Industries	4	110.0	114.8	128.7	129.6	137.1
For Milling and Other Industries	22	56.2	57.6	67.0	67.2	67.3
Miscellaneous Producers' Materials	65	78.8	80.0	81.3	81.3	81.8

ORIGIN CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Total Raw and Partly Manufactured	223	81.8	85.6	93.1	93.5	93.5
Total Fully and Chiefly Manufactured	302	88.8	92.2	92.2	92.4	92.6
I. Articles of Farm Origin (Domestic and Foreign)						
A. Field						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	84	63.2	67.0	74.4	74.8	75.1
(b) Fully and chiefly "	83	86.8	89.3	88.8	88.8	88.9
(c) Total	167	75.9	79.0	82.2	82.3	82.5
B. Animal						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	36	95.0	99.4	111.0	111.7	111.2
(b) Fully and chiefly "	54	89.0	94.8	94.4	95.2	95.5
(c) Total	90	91.6	96.8	101.6	102.4	102.3
C. Canadian Farm Products						
(1) Field	50	56.5	59.2	67.9	68.3	69.0
(2) Animal	18	95.9	100.5	115.5	116.3	117.0
(3) Total	68	71.2	74.6	85.7	86.3	87.0
II. Articles of Marine Origin						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	7	79.6	92.4	99.8	99.8	101.8
(b) Fully and chiefly "	9	96.8	114.0	124.3	126.1	127.0
(c) Total	16	92.1	108.2	117.7	119.0	120.2
+III. Articles of Forest Origin						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	37	117.1	123.2	130.2	130.6	130.6
(b) Fully and chiefly "	20	76.9	77.5	77.6	77.6	77.6
(c) Total	57	95.6	98.8	102.1	102.3	102.3
IV. Articles of Mineral Origin						
(a) Raw and partly manufactured	59	92.5	93.8	95.7	95.7	95.6
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured	136	98.0	100.9	101.5	101.5	101.7
(c) Total	195	95.5	97.7	98.9	98.9	99.0

+ Includes both domestic and export prices.

WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES

(All prices given in Canadian Funds)

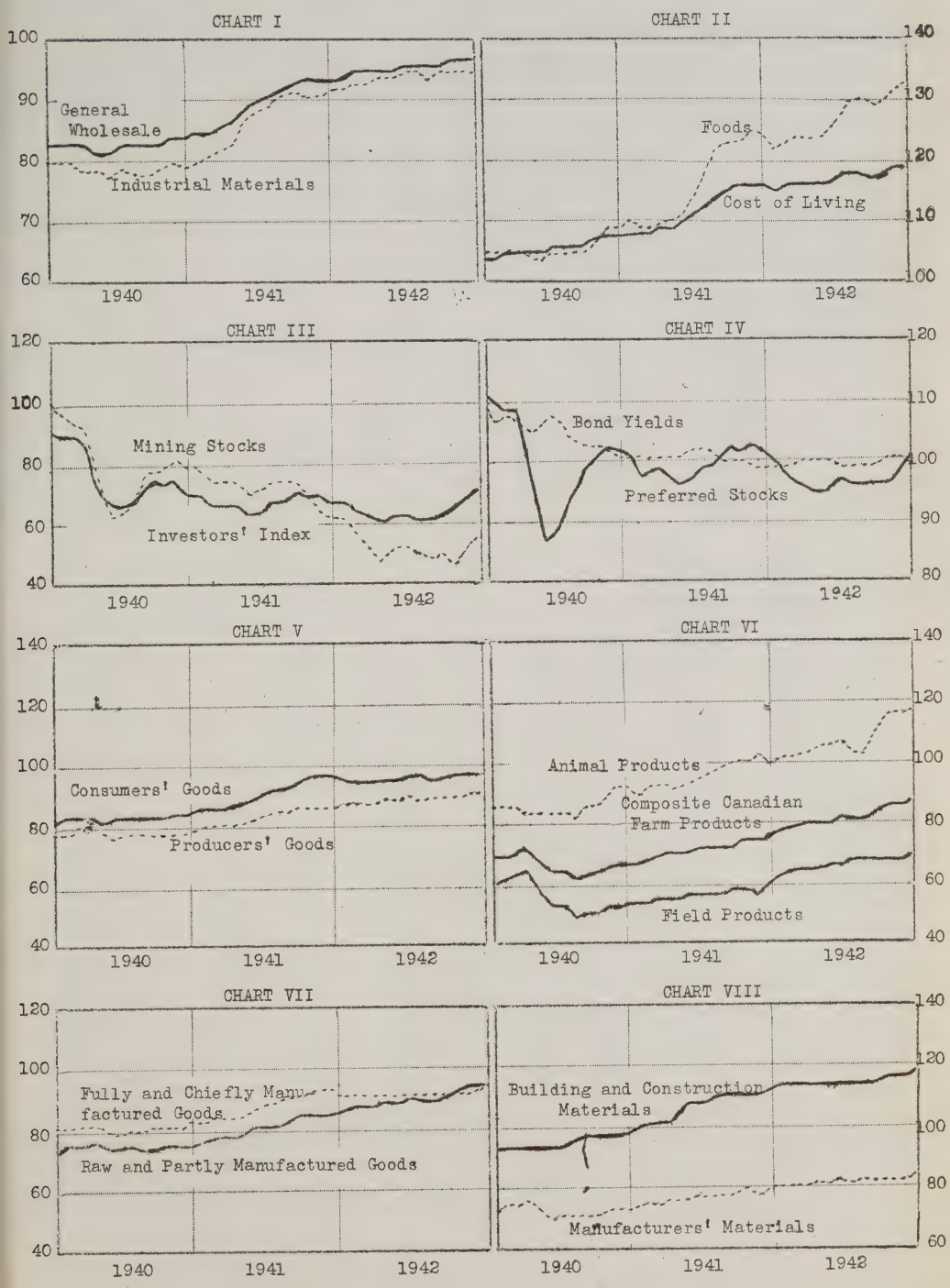
Commodity		Yearly Average 1941	Dec. 1941	Oct. 1942	Nov. 1942	Dec. 1942
		$	$	$	$	$
OATS, No. 2 C.W. Ft.William and Pt.Arthur cash basis	Bush.	.408	.470	.480	.454	.454
WHEAT, No.1 Man. Northern Ft.William and Pt.Arthur cash basis	Bush	.747	.744	.900	.905	.904
FLOUR, First Patent, 2-98's Cotton, Toronto		5.529	5.050	5.050	5.050	5.050
SUGAR, Granulated, Montreal	Cwt.	6.643	6.893	6.893	6.893	6.893
RUBBER, Ceylon, ribbed, smoked Sheets, f.o.b. New York	Lb.	.273	.275	.275	.275	.275
LINSEED OIL, Raw, Montreal	Gal.	.834	.870	.900	.900	.900
CATTLE, steers, good up to 1050 lbs. Toronto	Cwt.	8.694	8.900	10.050	10.160	10.890
HOGS, BI, Dressed, Toronto	Cwt.	13.240	14.890	16.380	16.440	16.630
BEEF HIDES, Packer Hides Native Steers, Toronto	Lb.	.149	.150	.150	.150	.150
LEATHER, Packer crops, No. I and II f.o.b. Distributing points	Lb.	.474	.480	.480	.480	.480
BOX SIDES D, f.o.b. Ont. factory	Ft.	.225	.240	.240	.240	.240
BUTTER, Creamery prints, first grade Montreal	Lb.	.348	.353	.369	.376	.379
CHEESE, Canada, old large Montreal	Lb.	.271	.370	.340	.340	.328
EGGS, Grade "A" large Montreal	Doz.	.346	.384	.510	.510	.499
COTTON, raw 1" - 1 1/16" Hamilton	Lb.	.188	.223	.223	.223	.223
COTTON YARNS, 10's white single Hosiery cops, Mill	Lb.	.344	.350	.293	.293	.293
WOOL, eastern bright ½ blood domestic, f.o.b. Ontario	Lb.	.310	.310	.310	.310	.310
WOOL, western range, semi-bright ½ blood, domestic, f.o.b. Ontario	Lb.	.263	.260	.260	.260	.260
(A) Pulp, groundwood, No.1 delivered, Eastern Continental Divide	Ton	44.000	44.000	50.600	50.600	50.600
STEEL, Merchant bars, mild Mill	100 Lbs.	2.686	2.754	2.754	2.754	2.754
PIG IRON, foundry No.1 f.o.b. Plant	Gross Ton	25.500	25.500	25.500	25.500	25.500
COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic Montreal	Cwt.	11.500	11.500	11.500	11.500	11.500
LEAD, domestic, f.o.b. carlots Montreal	Cwt.	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000
TIN INGOTS, Straits, f.o.b. Toronto	Lb.	.618	.620	.620	.620	.620
ZINC, domestic, f.o.b. carlots Montreal	Cwt.	5.150	5.150	5.150	5.150	5.150
COAL, Anthracite, Toronto f.o.b. carlots	Ton	12.138	12,499	12.553	12.553	12.553
COAL, Bituminous, N.S. run-of-mine	Ton	5.650	5.700	5.700	5.700	5.700
(B) GASOLENE, Standard Toronto	Gal.	.193	.215	.215	.215	.215
SULPHURIC ACID 66° Baume f.o.b. works	Net Ton	17.250	18.000	18.000	18.000	18.000

(A) Groundwood Pulp delivered to consumers' Mills, east of Continental Divide, (exclusive of Denver).

(B) 1942 - Federal Tax included.

PRICE INDEX NUMBER SYNOPSIS

(CHARTS I, V, VI, VII & VIII - Average of 1926 Prices=100)
(CHARTS II, III, & V - Average of 1935-39 Prices=100)



INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS IN CANADA, DECEMBER 1, 1942.

(Calculations based on prices for the first business day of each month.)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of living costs on the base 1935-1939=100, rose from 118.6 on November 2nd to 118.8 on December 1st. A moderate increase in foods supplemented by slight advances in clothing and miscellaneous items, accounted for the rise. Living costs on December 1st were 17.9 per cent above the August 1939 level.

An index for 46 food items moved up from 132.4 to 132.8 between November and December, advances for dairy products, eggs and vegetables influencing the index more than sharp declines for oranges and lemons.

Slightly higher prices for one or two items of women's wearing apparel and men's rubbers resulted in a fractional advance in the clothing index from 120.1 to 120.2. The index for miscellaneous items was up from 107.1 to 107.2 following increases in newspaper charges in a number of cities Indexes for rent, fuel and home furnishings were unchanged at 111.3, 112.8 and 117.8.

An index for retail prices alone was up from 125.0 to 125.2

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS, 1913-December 1, 1942.

(1935-1939=100)

	Total Index	Food Index	Rent Index	Fuel and Lighting Index	Clothing Index	Home Furnishings and Miscellaneous Index	Retail Prices Index (Commodities only)
1913	79.7	88.3	74.3	76.9	88.0	70.3	-
1914	80.0	91.9	72.1	75.4	88.9	70.3	-
1917	104.5	133.3	75.8	83.8	130.3	81.5	-
1918	118.3	152.8	80.2	92.2	152.3	91.4	-
1920	150.5	188.1	100.2	119.9	213.1	110.3	-
1926	121.8	133.3	115.9	116.8	139.1	106.1	-
1929	121.7	134.7	119.7	112.6	134.8	105.0	-
1930	120.8	131.5	122.7	111.8	130.6	105.4	-
1934	95.6	92.7	93.2	102.1	97.1	97.8	

	Percentage Increase Since Aug.1,1939						Home Furnishings and Services Index	Miscellaneous Index	
1935		96.2	94.6	94.0	100.9	97.6	95.4	98.7	95.9
1936		98.1	97.8	96.1	101.5	99.3	97.2	99.1	98.1
1937		101.2	103.2	99.7	98.9	101.4	101.5	100.1	102.0
1938		102.2	103.8	103.1	97.7	100.9	102.4	101.2	102.8
1939		101.5	100.6	103.8	101.2	100.7	101.4	101.4	101.0
1940		105.6	105.6	106.3	107.1	109.2	107.2	102.3	106;6
1941	10.8	111.7	116.1	109.4	110.3	116.1	113.8	105.1	114.9
1939 Aug. 1		100.8	99.3	103.8	99.0	100.1	100,9	101.3	100.0
1941 Oct. 1	14.6	115.5	123.2	111.2	112.1	119.6	117.3	106.5	120.1
Nov. 1	15.4	116.3	125.4	111.2	112.7	120.0	117.9	106.7	121.4
Dec. 1	14.9	115.8	123.8	111.2	112.7	119.9	117.9	106.7	120.6
1942 Jan. 2	14.5	115.4	122.3	111.2	112.9	119.9	118.0	106.8	119.9
Feb. 2	14.8	115.7	123.1	111.2	112.9	119.8	118.0	107.1	120.3
Mar. 2	15.0	115.9	123.7	111.2	112.9	119.8	118.0	107.1	120.6
April 1	15.0	115.9	123.7	111.2	112.9	119.8	118.1	107.1	120.6
May 1	15.2	116.1	124.3	111.3	112.9	119.9	118.0	107.1	120.9
June 1	15.8	116.7	126.2	111.3	112.6	119.9	117.9	107.1	121.8
July 2	17.0	117.9	130.3	111.3	112.5	120.0	117.9	107.1	123.9
August 1	16.8	117.7	129.6	111.3	112.5	120.1	117.8	107.1	123.5
Sept. 1	16.5	117.4	128.5	111.3	112.5	120.1	117.8	107.1	123.0
Oct. 1	16.9	117.8	129.8	111.3	112.8	120.1	117.8	107.1	123.7
Nov. 2	17.7	118.6	132.4	111.3	112.8	120.1	117.8	107.1	125.0
Dec. 1	17.9	118.8	132.8	111.3	112.8	120.2	117.8	107.2	125.2

By Order-in-Council P.C. 6219 as amended, prices of cigarettes and tobacco used in the index for purposes of computing cost-of-living bonuses do not include the tax imposed on June 24, 1942, by the Special War Revenue Act. Since indirect taxes of this kind previously have been included in the index, an August figure reflecting the new tax has been computed to maintain continuity with preceding calculations. This index is 119.1.

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS IN EIGHT REGIONAL CITIES
(August 1939=100)

	Halifax	Saint John	Montreal	Toronto	Winnipeg	Saskatoon	Edmonton	Vancouver
				General Cost of Living				
1941								
November	113.7	114.6	117.2	115.0	113.1	116.4	111.6	112.9
1942								
June	114.0	115.4	118.2	115.5	113.1	116.2	112.0	113.1
August	115.8	117.2	118.7	116.2	115.0	117.5	114.1	115.0
October	115.5	116.6	119.4	116.3	114.5	117.0	113.6	115.4
December	116.2	117.3	120.3	116.8	115.6	118.5	115.0	116.8
				Foods				
1941								
November	128.1	122.7	127.9	125.5	123.9	127.0	121.9	125.6
1942								
June	129.0	124.9	130.7	126.7	124.1	126.5	123.0	126.0
August	135.1	130.1	132.3	129.0	129.9	130.7	130.2	131.9
October	133.5	128.3	134.0	129.5	128.5	129.1	128.2	133.1
December	136.2	130.5	136.9	131.3	132.0	134.3	133.2	137.5
				Rent				
1941								
November	104.2	107.3	108.3	108.5	104.4	113.1	100.0	99.4
1942								
June	104.2	107.3	108.3	108.5	104.4	113.1	100.0	99.4
August	104.2	107.3	108.3	108.5	104.4	113.1	100.0	99.4
October	104.8	107.3	108.3	108.5	104.4	113.1	100.0	99.4
December	104.8	107.3	108.3	108.5	104.4	113.1	100.0	99.4
				Fuel and Lighting				
1941								
November	105.9	109.5	116.3	117.7	107.1	107.0	99.4	111.5
1942								
June	105.9	109.5	114.8	117.7	107.1	107.0	99.4	111.5
August	105.9	109.5	114.8	117.7	107.1	107.0	99.4	111.5
October	105.9	109.5	116.3	117.7	107.1	107.0	99.4	111.5
December	104.4	109.5	116.3	117.7	107.1	107.0	99.4	111.5
				Clothing				
1941								
November	116.5	121.2	123.1	117.3	117.5	119.9	122.9	118.8
1942								
June	116.1	120.8	123.2	117.3	116.8	119.2	123.0	118.6
August	116.3	120.9	123.2	117.5	116.8	119.3	123.2	119.8
October	116.6	121.2	123.2	117.5	117.0	119.2	123.3	119.8
December	116.8	121.2	123.2	117.5	117.0	119.3	123.3	119.8
				Home Furnishings and Services				
1941								
November	114.7	116.1	117.7	114.2	115.2	120.2	117.1	113.0
1942								
June	114.7	116.0	117.6	114.0	115.6	119.9	117.0	113.1
August	114.7	116.0	117.6	114.1	115.7	119.7	117.1	113.0
October	114.7	116.0	117.6	113.8	115.8	119.7	117.1	112.9
December	114.7	116.0	117.6	113.9	115.7	119.6	117.1	113.0
				Miscellaneous				
1941								
November	105.3	106.9	104.5	106.8	105.3	104.6	104.6	104.9
1942								
June	105.7	107.6	105.1	107.3	105.6	105.0	104.9	105.2
August	105.7	107.7	105.1	107.3	105.6	105.1	104.9	105.3
October	105.7	107.7	105.1	107.3	105.6	105.1	104.9	105.3
December	105.7	107.6	105.1	107.3	105.6	105.1	104.9	105.3

CITY COST OF LIVING INDEX NUMBERS, DECEMBER 1, 1942

Increases ranging from 0.5 points to 1.5 points occurred in the eight regional city cost-of-living index numbers of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics between October 1 and December 1, 1942. Foods were mainly responsible for this latest rise, with city food indexes for December being from 30.5 per cent to 37.5 per cent above pre-war levels. In the clothing group, slight rises were noted for Halifax and Saskatoon, while two small increases and an equal number of declines occurred in the home furnishings and services group. Other index movements included a decline in the fuel index for Halifax and one of lesser importance in miscellaneous items for the City of St. John.

INVESTORS' INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCK PRICES

Domestic security prices continued to rise during December, according to the Investors' price index of industrial, utility and bank stocks, which advanced from 69.5 on December 3, to 72.5 on December 31. This was an increase of 4.3 p.c., as compared with 7.3 p.c. during November. Increases were fairly general, and industrials rose 4.7 p.c. to 68.5, utilities 3.5 p.c. to 84.9, and banks 1.2 p.c. to 75.0. Among the sub-groups pulp and paper, oils and textiles made the most pronounced gains, increasing 9.2 p.c. to 72.4, 9.7 p.c. to 60.8, and 6.5 p.c. to 110.9 respectively, while power and traction followed closely, with an increase of 5.9 p.c. to 82.5. Other gains ranged from 0.6 p.c. to 2.8 p.c. Only two of the sub-groups failed to register increases viz., beverages, which fell 2.2 p.c. to 106.4, and telephone and telegraph, which eased 0.3 p.c. at 90.2. The Bureau's monthly price index of 95 common issues rose from 67.6 for November to 71.3 for December.

MINING STOCK PRICES

Closing the year with a strong underlying tone mining stock prices registered further recovery in December, At 57.4 for the week of the 31st, the composite index for 25 representative mining issues indicated a net gain of 3.0 points over the final November level. Compared with the 1941 year-end index the average level of mining stocks showed a net loss of 3.6 points, but recorded an increase of 12.3 points over the 1942 low of 45.1 touched in the week of October 22. Gold stocks ended the year at 47.6 compared with an October 22 low of 32.7 and a 1941 close of 50.7. Base metal stocks for the same intervals were at levels of 76.9, 69.6 and 81.4. Appearing below is a table of average prices for the weeks of December 31 and December 3, 1942, as compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

GOLDS

	Dec. 31	Dec. 3		Dec. 31	Dec. 3
Beattie .....$	.-	$ .65	Little Long Lac .....$	.86	$ .85
Bralorne	7.50	7.00	Macassa	2.35	2.11
Buffalo-Ankerite	1.60	1.45	McIntyre	47.50	42.00
Cariboo Gold Quartz	-	-	Pickle Crow	1.75	1.60
Central Patricia	.90	.76	Pioneer	1.20	1.29
Dome	19.75	18.25	San Antonio	1.90	1.67
God's Lake	.14	.11	Siscoe	.39	.38
Hollinger	8.45	8.20	Sylvanite	1.45	1.20
Kirkland Lake	.60	.51	Teck-Hughes	1.90	1.70
Lake Shore	10.62	9.75	Uchi	.08	.07
Lamaque Gold Mines	3.65	3.60	Wright-Hargreaves	2.55	2.45

BASE METALS

Falconbridge	3.15	3.40	Noranda	39.87	40.12
Hudson Bay	28.50	26.00			

PREFERRED STOCKS

Closing the year at a 1942 peak of 100.4, the Bureau's monthly index for 30 preferred stocks on the base 1935-1939=100 recorded a net gain of 3.0 p.c. over November and 6.2 p.c. over the year's low of 94.5 touched in April. Compared with December, 1941 the index has shown a decline of 0.3 p.c. Among group changes, most pronounced strength was noted for pulp and paper issues, up 12.7 p.c. over November, milling 11.1 p.c., oils 7.9 p.c. and machinery and equipment 6.1 p.c. Beverages, off 3.3 p.c., recorded the only decline.

INDEX NUMBERS OF 30 PREFERRED STOCK PRICES, 1935-1942
(1935-1939=100)

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1935	88.7	89.0	85.9	83.5	82.5	82.5	84.0	85.5	83.5	83.8	87.5	89.0
1936	90.3	93.1	92.0	91.7	90.0	91.9	95.9	97.2	101.1	104.7	109.9	113.3
1937	119.7	121.1	133.8	124.4	120.9	119.8	119.9	122.4	109.8	99.2	98.9	97.7
1938	100.6	99.0	93.5	94.3	96.6	98.7	105.2	104.7	98.1	106.2	105.5	104.8
1939	102.5	101.8	101.2	95.2	95.3	98.8	100.1	97.7	100.5	107.4	108.7	110.1
1940	110.7	109.7	108.8	108.9	96.7	86.9	89.0	93.9	99.1	100.7	103.0	101.7
1941	101.4	97.6	98.7	97.9	96.3	96.8	98.5	100.0	103.2	102.2	102.6	100.7
1942	99.6	96.8	95.6	94.5	95.4	96.5	95.7	95.8	95.6	96.2	97.5	100.4

INVESTORS' MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCKS

(1935-39=100)

	GENERAL	INDUSTRIALS										UTILITIES				BANKS
Number of Securities 1942	Total	Total	Machinery and Equipment	Pulp and Paper	Milling	Oils	Textiles and Clothing	Food and Allied Products	Beverages	Building Materials	Industrial Mines	Total	Transportation	Telephone Telegraph	Power and Traction	Total
	95	68	8	7	3	4	10	12	7	15	2	19	2	2	15	8
1940 - June	65.5	61.2	74.5	65.2	74.1	50.3	104.2	89.7	85.2	74.3	62.7	71.0	47.3	95.6	70.8	91.3
July	66.1	62.6	73.5	69.2	79.1	50.8	110.4	90.8	91.0	73.5	65.8	70.4	49.0	91.4	70.9	85.5
August	69.3	65.8	78.7	76.2	80.6	52.4	114.0	93.5	95.9	77.5	71.2	73.6	55.0	95.3	73.2	88.1
September	75.8	73.1	85.5	82.1	95.5	60.7	121.4	101.6	99.5	87.0	77.4	78.0	60.1	99.5	77.2	92.9
October	74.2	71.3	84.0	80.1	93.5	56.2	120.8	101.4	99.5	88.9	77.7	77.0	55.4	100.2	76.9	91.9
November	74.5	71.3	86.0	82.6	81.4	54.5	121.5	100.7	105.8	91.2	77.8	78.2	62.2	101.4	76.2	92.7
December	70.3	65.9	78.6	76.7	75.2	48.7	116.8	99.6	106.5	87.6	71.4	76.4	55.8	101.3	75.6	94.6
1941 - January	71.3	66.9	77.6	74.1	72.3	51.6	110.6	96.8	104.3	84.0	73.2	77.3	60.9	101.2	75.4	94.7
February	66.5	62.3	72.9	63.8	69.5	48.7	105.0	90.1	96.6	77.3	67.3	71.3	51.6	100.2	68.8	90.9
March	66.8	63.1	73.6	65.4	69.5	49.5	103.1	87.9	93.7	78.5	69.0	70.7	55.7	99.2	67.0	89.9
April	65.8	62.3	73.2	63.9	68.6	49.4	101.3	88.6	88.1	77.8	67.8	68.2	57.3	97.8	62.2	89.7
May	63.9	60.7	71.8	59.7	63.4	51.3	97.4	88.6	82.8	74.4	62.6	65.2	54.8	91.6	60.3	88.3
June	64.0	60.3	72.0	59.5	67.5	48.0	101.1	90.1	87.3	74.9	64.2	67.1	58.9	92.0	62.0	89.0
July	67.5	64.0	76.3	66.1	67.5	48.4	105.7	90.5	94.3	77.8	72.3	70.6	65.8	93.0	65.3	89.7
August	67.8	64.4	76.8	70.2	72.4	49.1	106.3	91.8	95.7	79.7	71.5	71.2	70.0	94.6	64.4	89.7
September	71.0	67.5	80.5	78.5	75.1	51.3	108.4	93.3	102.4	82.4	75.8	74.7	70.3	98.6	68.8	91.2
October	69.1	65.5	78.3	75.5	74.5	51.2	105.7	91.9	98.7	78.9	71.7	72.5	65.7	96.8	67.2	90.8
November	68.8	65.3	78.2	76.4	74.9	52.9	110.0	91.0	102.6	77.8	68.9	71.1	65.2	95.3	65.5	91.7
December	67.2	63.9	75.5	72.9	72.2	49.0	110.4	91.4	104.8	75.5	69.7	68.7	60.4	95.9	63.0	90.5
1942 - January	66.8	62.9	74.3	71.9	74.5	45.9	112.8	88.7	99.2	75.1	71.9	70.4	64.5	95.5	64.4	91.1
February	64.7	60.8	73.4	69.3	69.7	43.6	108.7	85.5	96.3	73.9	70.1	67.7	60.5	93.5	62.1	91.1
March	62.3	57.8	69.7	66.1	70.9	41.2	104.3	75.8	92.8	74.0	67.3	67.5	59.4	93.5	62.0	89.4
April	61.1	56.6	70.6	63.2	69.6	41.4	102.4	74.2	93.1	73.9	64.2	66.3	60.6	91.9	60.2	88.4
May	62.0	57.9	74.7	61.1	70.5	43.2	104.3	73.5	94.2	75.7	65.2	66.4	59.6	92.0	60.7	87.4
June	62.8	58.4	76.2	61.1	69.6	44.5	106.6	73.9	93.6	76.8	64.9	68.1	56.6	92.3	64.3	87.7
July	62.4	58.6	76.6	58.9	65.3	46.6	100.4	75.9	95.5	75.3	62.7	67.8	58.4	86.5	65.2	81.7
August	61.6	58.5	76.0	56.0	61.2	47.5	97.7	75.3	98.3	73.1	61.9	67.8	58.8	80.8	66.9	71.9
September	62.6	59.8	77.9	55.9	62.0	49.0	99.8	74.2	98.7	71.2	64.1	69.2	62.5	83.4	67.1	69.0
October	65.0	62.2	80.3	57.8	64.9	51.0	99.6	74.0	98.9	70.8	68.4	72.0	73.4	83.9	67.9	70.3
November	67.6	64.1	82.5	62.6	72.3	53.7	101.6	77.1	105.5	74.9	68.0	77.6	85.7	87.1	72.1	72.3
December	71.3	67.2	86.0	71.2	81.9	57.9	109.3	82.5	107.3	79.6	69.1	83.8	88.2	89.8	80.7	74.4

INDEX NUMBERS OF TWENTY-FIVE MINING STOCKS
(1935-39=100)

No. of Stocks	Golds	Base Metals	Total Index
1942	22	3	25
x1929 - High	76.2	127.3	89.2
Low	44.8	63.0	60.6
x1932 - High	53.6	32.9	45.2
Low	41.2	17.0	32.6
x1933 - High	95.0	57.7	81.4
Low	55.1	27.3	45.4
x1934 - High	119.0	67.1	99.9
Low	87.6	50.0	74.8
x1935 - High	111.4	84.7	95.3
Low	88.9	51.5	80.1
x1936 - High	115.7	128.9	118.8
Low	100.5	82.3	94.4
x1937 - High	120.0	142.7	125.6
Low	84.7	73.3	80.8
x1938 - High	106.6	129.1	112.2
Low	89.3	82.8	87.3
x1939 - High	105.7	130.1	113.5
Low	82.5	109.6	91.9
x1940 - High	92.1	122.4	102.2
Low	55.8	69.5	60.5
x1941 - High	75.2	96.1	80.6
Low	50.7	80.6	61.0
x1942 - High	51.4	86.8	63.3
Low	32.7	69.6	45.1
1940			
September	70.8	91.0	77.5
October	72.9	91.3	79.2
November	76.3	94.5	82.4
December	74.9	90.0	80.2
1941			
January	74.4	89.2	79.4
February	70.6	83.2	74.9
March	70.0	84.7	75.1
April	69.0	87.6	75.1
May	66.1	81.2	71.2
June	64.4	83.9	71.0
July	66.2	91.3	74.6
August	66.0	91.7	74.6
September	66.0	94.0	75.4
October	60.8	87.4	69.7
November	54.9	83.0	65.0
December	52.2	84.8	63.2
1942			
January	50.5	84.3	61.9
February	45.4	81.5	57.5
March	40.1	75.3	51.9
April	37.5	72.8	49.3
May	39.6	75.8	51.7
June	42.6	74.3	53.2
July	39.3	73.3	50.6
August	38.0	72.3	49.4
September	38.4	72.1	49.7
October	33.3	71.8	46.2
November	40.7	73.2	51.6
December	44.7	74.4	54.7
Weekly Index Numbers			
Week ending Nov. 5th	35.8	73.1	48.3
" " " 12th	40.1	74.5	51.6
" " " 19th	40.4	71.0	50.6
" " " 26th	43.0	72.9	53.0
" " Dec. 3rd	44.1	74.7	54.4
" " " 10th	42.6	72.7	52.7
" " " 17th	43.5	74.1	53.8
" " " 24th	45.1	73.8	54.7
" " " 31st	47.6	76.9	57.4
1943			
Week ending Jan. 7th	48.1	77.4	57.9

x Weekly figures.

INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELDS

Dominion of Canada long-term bond yields moved lower in December and the Bureau's index, on the base 1935 -1939=100, declined from 99.6 for November to 99.4. The reduction occurred in the week of December 9, when the weekly index decreased from 99.6 to 99.3, where it remained for the balance of the month. During 1942, the range of the weekly index was between 98.6 and 99.9. Based upon information furnished by Wood, Gundy and Company, Limited, an index of representative Province of Ontario bond yields fell from 90.1 for November to 89.5 for December, and the average yield of the issues included declined from 3.17 to 3.15. The yield of the same issues for December 1941 was 3.26.

British Consols closed ¼ higher at 82¼, while the Dow-Jones average of selected United States bonds moved from 89.99 to 90.00.

MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELDS, 1936 - 1942.
(1935-1939=100)

	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942
January	106.5	95.2	102.2	97.3	109.3	100.6	99.4
February	103.6	100.1	100.8	97.2	107.2	100.8	99.3
March	102.4	106.4	100.3	95.4	107.9	100.5	99.6
April	101.8	107.2	97.4	96.3	105.5	100.6	99.6
May	100.9	106.4	96.2	97.8	104.5	101.1	99.5
June	98.0	105.6	98.0	95.7	107.8	101.9	98.8
July	95.5	104.4	98.7	96.0	107.0	101.5	98.7
August	92.6	102.9	98.8	98.6	104.3	101.2	99.0
September	91.8	103.2	101.9	117.0	103.1	100.3	99.4
October	96.0	106.2	99.3	111.9	102.6	100.2	99.6
November	94.7	105.7	97.4	108.4	101.9	99.1	99.6
December	93.3	102.9	97.2	110.5	101.0	99.3	99.4

WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BONDS, 1942.

	Yields		Yields		Yields
October 7	99.6	November 4	99.6	December 2	99.6
" 14	99.6	" 11	99.6	" 9	99.3
" 21	99.6	" 18	99.6	" 16	99.3
" 28	99.6	" 25	99.6	" 23	99.3
				" 30	99.3

EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS AT MONTREAL, AUGUST 1939 AND 1940-1942

Note: The noon rates in Canadian Funds upon which these averages are based have been supplied by the Bank of Canada.

	New York Funds	London Sterling	(A) Argentine Peso (Paper)	(A) Brazil Milreis	India Rupee
	$	$	$	$	$
1939 - August	1.0047	4.6327	.2321	.0504	.3346
1940	*1.1050	*4.450	.2539	.0557	.3359
1941	1.1050	4.450	.2621	.0563	.3356
1942 - July	1.1050	4.450	.2622	.0571	.3359
August	1.1050	4.450	.2636	.0571	.3359
September	1.1050	4.450	.2631	.0571	.3359
October	1.1050	4.450	.2632	.0572	.3359
November	1.1050	4.450	.2626	.0572	.3359
December	1.1050	4.450	.2621	.0572	.3359

*Since September 16, 1939, quotations used are the average of the daily buying and selling rates set by the Foreign Exchange Control Board. The current buying and selling rate for sterling is $4.43 and $4.47 and U.S. funds $1.10 and $1.11.

(A) Unofficial.

MONTHLY INDEXES OF AMERICAN STOCK PRICES, 1938-1942.

(Issued by Standard and Poor's Trade Securities)
(1935-1939=100)

	Composite	Industrials	Railroads	Utilities
1938 - November	99.4	102.1	79.1	94.0
December	97.1	100.0	76.4	90.7
Year	88.2	90.1	69.5	85.6
1939 - January	97.0	98.7	79.0	94.9
February	95.1	96.0	74.3	97.9
March	96.0	96.6	77.7	99.6
April	85.0	85.1	63.9	92.5
May	98.4	88.3	67.0	96.8
June	89.9	89.9	67.5	98.1
July	91.8	91.8	69.2	100.1
August	90.7	90.4	66.8	101.1
September	99.7	101.3	82.4	98.4
October	100.7	101.8	87.2	100.4
November	98.9	99.6	82.8	101.8
December	97.0	97.6	78.4	101.3
Year	95.1	94.8	74.7	98.8
1940 - January	97.1	97.7	77.7	103.0
February	96.8	97.1	76.5	102.4
March	96.7	97.3	76.7	101.6
April	98.1	98.7	77.3	102.6
May	85.1	85.2	65.4	92.3
June	78.1	77.3	60.8	88.5
July	85.8	79.3	65.2	93.9
August	81.6	80.3	66.0	93.5
September	85.5	84.6	71.6	94.7
October	86.0	85.4	72.6	93.7
November	86.7	86.6	73.6	92.3
December	84.9	84.9	70.0	90.6
Year	88.5	87.9	71.1	95.8
1941 - January	85.0	84.7	73.4	91.1
February	80.1	79.4	70.0	87.1
March	80.3	79.6	70.6	87.1
April	77.9	77.3	71.2	83.1
May	77.1	77.3	70.7	78.9
June	79.5	79.7	70.9	81.6
July	83.2	84.2	73.8	81.8
August	83.2	84.3	74.4	81.0
September	83.6	84.8	72.6	81.3
October	80.4	81.6	70.3	78.5
November	77.4	78.6	68.4	74.5
December	71.8	73.8	61.0	66.2
1942 - January	72.6	74.3	63.0	66.1
February	69.9	71.0	68.4	64.5
March	66.0	67.2	65.0	60.5
April	63.3	64.8	61.1	56.5
May	63.2	64.7	60.3	67.2
June	66.1	68.2	59.0	58.8
July	68.2	70.6	62.9	58.4
August	68.3	70.5	65.4	58.8
September	69.4	71.6	66.7	59.5
October	74.2	76.5	72.7	63.7
November	75.2	77.2	73.0	66.2
December (2nd week)	74.7	77.2	68.1	64.9

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PRICE MOVEMENTS, JANUARY, 1943

WHOLESALE: The Bureau's composite wholesale index on the base 1926=100 registered a net loss of 0.1 points to 96.9 between December and January. Largely accounting for the decline was a drop of 0.9 points to 104.1 for animal products which offset fractional increases for vegetable products, iron and steel products, non-metallic minerals and chemicals and allied products. Weakness in animal products reflected a substantial seasonal decline in eggs from an index level of 108.1 to 88.6 and decreases in butter which more than counterbalanced upturns for livestock, fresh meats, lard, and hides and skins. A gain of 0.1 to 86.1 for vegetable products was due to strength in potatoes, onions and coarse grains, which overbalanced reductions in fresh fruits. Iron and steel products advanced 0.1 to 115.4, as seasonal increases in freight rates advanced prices for steel sheets. Non-metallic minerals gained 0.5 points to 100.9 when imported bituminous coal moved higher, and chemicals and allied products increased 0.2 to 101.0. The Industrial material price index on the base 1926=100 moved up 0.7 points to 95.8 in January, reflecting advances in all sub-groups. An index for five food items rose 3.3 points to 91.4, on higher prices for oats, steers and hogs, which offset a fractional decline in wheat. The stable group index for 12 commodities gained 0.3 points to 114.7 due to higher quotations for imported bituminous coal and steel sheets. Thirteen manufacturing materials stiffened 0.1 to 82.6 in January on an advance in rosin.

An advance of 0.5 points to 87.6 for farm products prices between December and January reflected strength in field products. The index for this sub-group rose 1.6 to 70.6 when higher prices for grains, potatoes and onions more than offset a drop in hay. Animal products declined 1.2 points to 116.1 for the same interval due to seasonal weakness for eggs which more than counterbalanced strength for livestock and hides and skins.

Wholesale price index increases have shown considerable dispersion since the commencement of the war. Taking the base August, 1939=100, the composite wholesale index advanced 16.5 p.c. by December, 1940; 29.5 p.c. by December, 1941 and 34.0 p.c. by January, 1943. On the same base, the composite index for 30 industrial materials also advanced 16.5 p.c. in the period ended December, 1940, but in the succeeding twelve months moved up to 40.4 p.c. above August, 1939 and to 46.7 p.c. by January, 1943, indicating considerably increased acceleration during the past two years. Relative to 1926, however, the general level of wholesale prices at 96.9 was still slightly above the industrial materials price figure of 95.8. Consumers' and producers' goods indexes moved almost parallel since August, 1939, the former gaining 17.2 p.c. by December, 1940; 31.1 p.c. by December, 1941 and 32.9 p.c. by January, 1943, while the latter moved up 18.6 p.c.; 28.5 p.c. and 35.8 p.c. By December, 1940, building material prices averaged 8.6 p.c. above the August, 1939 level, but in the ensuing twelve months advanced 25.2 p.c. over August, 1939, and 29.5 p.c. by January, 1943. Comparing raw and partly manufactured goods with fully and chiefly manufactured articles on the base 1926=100, an index difference of 9.8 points in August, 1939 was almost cancelled by January, 1943. For raw and partly manufactured goods the advance from August, 1939 to December, 1940 was 21.3 p.c., to December, 1941, 36.3 p.c., and to January, 1943, 47.6 p.c., while for the same intervals advances for fully and chiefly manufactured articles were respectively 14.3 p.c.; 27.0 p.c. and 27.7 p.c. Although all principal index numbers indicated some advance since establishment of the price 'ceiling' in December, 1941, at September 15-October 11, 1941, price levels, part of these increases was due to inclusion of export items which were not placed under the 'ceiling'.

COST OF LIVING: (Wartime increase 16.2 per cent--from 100.8 to 117.1). The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index declined from 118.8 on December 1, 1942 to 117.1 on January 2, 1943. This index which has been specified as the basis for calculating cost-of-living bonus adjustments under Order-in-Council P.C. 5963, has increased 16.2 per cent between August, 1939 and January, 1943. In compliance with Order-in-Council P.C. 6219, as amended, the price of cigarettes and tobacco in the January index does not include the tax imposed on June 24, 1942, under the Special War Revenue Act. The January decrease was due entirely to a drop in the food index from 132.8 to 127.3. The two cent reduction in milk prices was the most important factor in the January decline, but prices were lower also for eggs, butter, tea, coffee, and oranges. Beef, potatoes, onions, lard and lemons advanced moderately. The miscellaneous group advanced from 107.2 to 107.5, due mainly to an increase in the hospital rates index. Other groups remained unchanged as follows: rentals 111.3, fuel and light 112.8, clothing 120.2, and homefurnishings and services 117.8.

SECURITIES: The opening month of 1943 witnessed a broadening advance in security price levels on Canadian exchanges which coincided with improved war sentiment emanating from further successes of United Nations battlefronts. Pacing the increase were further substantial gains for gold shares which have now accumulated an increase of 50.5 p.c. over the 1942 monthly index low of 33.3 touched in October.

Registering a gain of 7.0 p.c. to 76.3 between December and January the Investors' index has now recovered all losses sustained since the spring of 1940. Outstanding among sub-group increases during the month were power and traction stocks up 9.7 p.c. at 88.5; oil shares 8.6 p.c. at 62.9; industrial mines 7.5 p.c. at 74.3; food and allied products 6.9 at 88.2; pulp and paper 5.8 at 75.3; building materials 5.5 at 84.0 and machinery and equipment 5.0 at 90.3. As a group, industrials were 7.3 p.c. higher at 72.1 while utilities closed up 7.4 p.c. at 90.0. Bank shares averaged 3.1 p.c. higher at 76.7.

Led by a 12.1 p.c. advance in gold shares to an index level of 50.1, the composite index for 25 mining issues moved up 9.7 p.c. to 60.0 between December and January. Base metal shares advanced 6.7 p.c. to 79.4 in the same interval. An index of 30 representative preferred stock prices advanced 2.3 p.c. to 102.7 between December and January. This was the highest point reached since November, 1941 when an index level of 102.6 obtained. Group changes in January showed most pronounced strength for milling issues, up 7.6 p.c.; pulp and paper 5.7 p.c. and oils 3.4 p.c. Moderate advances were recorded for beverages, up 3.0 p.c.; foods 2.8 p.c. and machinery and equipment 2.6 p.c. above December levels. Building material shares, off 0.3 p.c. recorded the only decline.

Continued weakness in Dominion of Canada long-term bond yields lowered the index, on the base 1935-39=100, from 99.4 for December to 98.8 for January. Only once since September, 1939 has this index dipped lower, when in July of last year it touched 98.7. The decline in January was steady, and the weekly index stood at 99.3, 99.0, 98.6 and 98.3 for the four consecutive weeks, thereby showing a net reduction of 1.0 during the month. An index of representative Province of Ontario bond yields, compiled from information furnished by Wood, Gundy and Company, Limited, declined from 89.5 for December to 88.1 for January, and the average yield of the issues included decreased from 3.15 to 3.10.

Weekly Index Numbers of 30 Industrial Material Prices
(1926=100)

Month	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
January, 1943	95.5	95.6	95.9	95.9	-
December, 1942	94.9	95.0	95.1	95.2	95.3
November, 1942	95.0	95.0	94.9	95.0	-
October, 1942	94.8	95.0	95.1	95.0	94.9

Weekly Index Numbers of Canadian Farm Products
(1926=100)

Month	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
January, 1943	87.3	87.5	87.7	88.0	-
December, 1942	86.2	86.4	87.1	87.2	87.3
November, 1942	86.1	86.3	86.4	86.1	-
October, 1942	85.0	85.5	85.7	85.9	85.9

SUMMARY TABLES OF CANADIAN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

(1926=100)

	General Wholesale Price Index	Consumers' Goods	Producers' Goods	Building Materials	Raw and Partly Manufactured Goods	Fully and Chiefly Manufactured Goods	Canadian Farm Products			Industrial Materials	Thirteen Sensitive Materials
							Field	Animal	Total		
1913	64.0	62.0	67.7	67.0	63.8	64.8	56.4	77.0	64.1	-	-
1920	155.9	136.1	164.3	144.0	154.1	156.5	166.5	150.8	160.6	-	-
1929	95.6	94.7	96.1	99.0	97.5	93.0	93.8	112.5	100.8	91.8	87.2
1933	67.1	71.1	63.1	78.3	56.6	70.2	45.8	59.7	51.0	54.1	43.8
1939	75.4	75.9	70.4	89.7	67.4	75.3	54.2	81.2	64.3	69.0	57.0
1940	82.9	83.4	78.7	95.6	75.3	81.5	56.0	85.8	67.1	79.0	65.9
1941	90.0	91.1	83.6	107.3	81.8	88.8	56.5	95.9	71.2	87.3	75.0
1939 August	72.3	72.7	66.7	90.2	62.8	72.6	48.2	75.4	58.4	65.3	52.9
1941											
January	84.8	85.5	79.8	99.1	76.6	83.4	53.6	90.0	67.2	80.1	65.7
February	85.4	85.7	80.5	100.2	77.7	83.8	54.4	91.6	68.3	81.2	66.9
March	86.0	86.2	81.3	100.6	78.9	84.3	55.6	91.8	69.1	82.3	68.6
April	86.8	87.1	81.6	100.9	79.3	85.5	55.9	92.2	69.5	83.4	70.8
May	88.8	88.9	83.5	107.8	80.8	87.2	55.5	93.3	69.6	86.5	73.6
June	90.1	90.6	84.2	108.5	81.8	88.9	57.1	94.3	71.0	88.0	75.4
July	91.2	92.1	84.5	109.9	82.5	90.4	57.1	96.1	71.7	89.3	77.6
August	92.0	93.6	84.5	111.6	83.4	91.0	56.7	97.9	72.1	90.3	79.7
September	93.3	95.4	85.5	112.2	84.6	92.5	57.6	99.6	73.3	91.5	80.5
October	93.9	96.6	85.7	112.1	85.4	93.1	57.9	101.1	74.1	91.3	80.6
November	94.0	96.7	85.4	112.1	85.4	93.1	57.4	102.0	74.1	91.0	80.4
December	93.6	95.3	85.7	112.9	85.6	92.2	59.2	100.5	74.6	91.7	80.4
1942											
January	94.3	95.3	86.8	113.1	87.2	92.0	62.8	101.5	77.3	92.4	80.4
February	94.6	94.9	87.2	113.3	87.8	91.7	64.3	102.1	78.4	93.2	80.8
March	95.1	95.4	87.4	114.2	88.4	92.1	64.6	102.7	78.8	93.3	80.9
April	95.0	95.1	87.7	114.4	88.6	91.9	65.0	103.7	79.5	93.5	80.9
May	95.2	95.1	88.3	114.4	89.4	91.6	65.5	104.8	80.2	94.2	81.5
June	95.8	96.0	88.7	114.2	90.5	91.5	66.3	107.0	81.5	94.8	81.6
July	96.0	96.6	88.0	113.8	90.4	91.9	67.7	103.6	81.1	94.6	82.0
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September	96.0	96.0	89.1	114.2	91.4	92.0	67.6	112.2	84.3	94.8	82.3
October	96.8	96.9	89.3	116.2	93.1	92.2	67.9	115.5	85.7	95.0	82.6
November	96.9	97.3	89.5	116.4	92.5x	92.4	68.3	116.7	86.4	94.9	82.6
December	97.0	97.1	90.0	116.7	92.6x	92.6	69.0	117.3	87.1	95.1	82.5
1943											
January	96.9	96.6	90.6	116.8	92.7	92.7	70.6	116.1	87.6	95.8	82.6

x Revised.

COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Note: Wholesale price indexes appearing in this bulletin are subject to revision.

	Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1941	Jan. 1942	Nov. 1942	Dec. 1942	Jan. 1943
	Total Index	526	90.0	94.3	96.9x	97.0x	96.9
I.	Vegetable Products	123	77.0	82.0	85.9	86.0	86.1
	Fruits	14	88.6	92.3	128.0	126.3	109.2
	Fresh	4	91.8	93.8	143.0	140.7	117.7
	Dried	4	82.2	92.6	91.5	92.3	93.7
	Canned	6	75.5	82.8	73.5	73.5	73.5
	Grains	22	56.2	60.2	67.2	67.3	68.2
	Flour and Milled Products	12	76.7	75.3	78.5	78.9	78.9
	Bakery Products	2	86.3	86.8	86.8	86.8	86.8
	Vegetable Oils	4	109.8	130.7	132.2	132.2	132.2
	Rubber and Its Products	7	74.2	75.7	75.7	75.7	75.7
	Sugar and Its Products and Glucose	8	115.9	120.4	120.6	120.6	120.6
	Tea, Coffee, Cocoa and Spices	13	109.1	121.0	122.7	109.6	109.6
	Vegetables	13	66.1	90.9	82.4	85.4	95.3
II.	Animals and Their Products	75	92.1	98.7	104.8x	105.0x	104.1
	Fishery Products	16	92.9	107.1	115.8	116.9	118.5
	Furs	9	80.5	73.6	66.9	67.6	67.6
	Hides and Skins	6	110.3	119.8	119.1	120.1	120.9
	Leather, Unmanufactured	9	106.3	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9
	Boots and Shoes	2	103.5	105.9	105.7	105.7	105.7
	Live Stock	4	110.0	120.3	129.6	137.1	142.0
	Meats and Poultry	9	94.9	102.7	107.8	108.2	110.0
	Milk and Its Products	12	93.2	97.6	99.7x	100.0x	99.0
	Fats	5	63.3	71.9	80.1	81.2	89.0
	Eggs	3	70.8	79.1	117.9	108.1	88.6
III.	Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	64	91.0	93.0	92.0	92.0	92.0
	Cotton Fabrics	19	87.8	84.1	82.5	82.5	82.5
	Knit Goods	3	95.4	103.9	98.9	98.9	98.9
	Flax, Hemp and Jute Products	6	86.0	90.9	92.2	92.2	92.2
	Rayon and Silk Hosiery	1	70.2	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1
	Rayon Fabrics	2	69.0	69.0	67.2	67.2	67.2
	Artificial Silk Products	2	49.0	50.4	49.0	49.0	49.0
	Wool, Raw	3	95.0	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7
	Wool Hosiery and Knit Goods	5	108.2	108.8	108.8	108.8	108.8
	Wool Cloth	6	104.5	105.2	105.2	105.2	105.2
IV.	Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	96.0	100.7	102.8	102.8	102.8
	Newsprint and Wrapping Paper	2	74.0	74.0	74.0	74.0	74.0
	Lumber	33	120.6	130.7	135.7	135.7	135.7
	Pulp	3	108.9	116.4	119.0	119.0	119.0
	Furniture	10	99.1	103.5	104.7	104.7	104.7
V.	Iron and Its Products	44	111.3	112.9	115.3	115.3	115.4
	Pig Iron and Steel Billets	3	101.7	101.7	104.8	104.8	104.8
	Rolling Mill Products	14	115.0	117.2	121.3	121.3	121.6
	Hardware	16	92.5	93.9	93.9	93.9	93.9
	Wire	3	99.3	100.4	100.4	100.4	100.4
	Scrap	5	112.3	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9
VI.	Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	17	77.7	77.7	79.7	79.7	79.7
	Brass and Copper Products	5	86.3	86.7	86.7	86.7	86.7
	Lead and Its Products	2	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1
	Tin Ingots	2	91.1	93.3	95.6	95.6	95.6
	Zinc and Its Products	2	59.1	59.1	59.1	59.1	59.1
	Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products (V and VI above)	61	100.1	101.2	103.4	103.4	103.5

x Revised.

COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Commodity	No. of price Series	Yearly Average 1941	Jan. 1942	Nov. 1942	Dec. 1942	Jan. 1943
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	81	95.6	99.3	100.1	100.4	100.9
Clay and Allied Material Products	10	93.7	94.2	101.3	101.3	101.3
Coal	13	108.3	111.6	113.8	113.8	115.3
Coke	4	121.8	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5
Manufactured Gas	3	103.4	103.5	103.5	103.5	103.5
Glass and Its Products	6	102.8	104.4	104.4	104.4	104.4
Petroleum Products	5	78.9	85.1	85.1	85.1	85.1
Asphalt	2	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3
Salt	4	123.6	130.6	130.6	130.6	130.6
Lime	4	108.4	111.8	112.2	112.2	112.2
Cement	1	104.1	106.5	106.5	106.5	106.5
Sand and Gravel	8	87.6	89.6	87.3	89.1	89.0
Crushed Stone	3	78.5	87.6	80.3	91.1	91.1
Building Stone	3	68.4	70.8	70.8	70.8	70.8
Asbestos	8	74.1	74.1	74.1	74.1	74.1
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	73	98.9	104.1	102.1	100.8	101.0
Inorganic Chemicals	22	89.2	89.1	89.1	89.1	88.6
Organic Chemicals	5	86.0	90.4	90.4	90.4	90.4
Coal Tar Products	2	90.7	91.1	91.1	91.1	91.1
Dyeing and Tanning Materials	10	131.4	136.4	136.4	136.4	136.4
Explosives	2	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1
Paints, Prepared	1	79.7	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5
Drugs and Pharmaceutical Chemicals	8	162.6	174.7	175.7	167.7	167.7
Fertilizers	10	87.9	88.1	84.9	83.9	83.9
Industrial Gases	2	85.1	83.0	82.9	82.3	82.5

PURPOSE CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

I. CONSUMERS' GOODS (Groups A and B)	215	91.1	95.3	97.3	97.1	96.6
A. Foods, Beverages and Tabacco	118	89.5	95.8	101.8	101.6	100.0
B. Other Consumers' Goods	97	92.2	95.0	94.3	94.1	94.3
II. PRODUCERS' GOODS (Groups C and D)	377	83.6	86.7	89.5	90.0	90.6
C. Producers' Equipment	24	105.7	108.5	110.5	110.5	111.1
D. Producers' Materials	333	81.1	84.3	87.2	87.7	88.3

ORIGIN CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Total Raw and Partly Manufactured	223	81.8	87.2	92.5✓	92.6✓	92.7
Farm Origin - Field	84	63.2	69.8	74.8	75.1	75.8
Farm Origin - Animal	36	95.0	99.0	108.0✓	107.5✓	106.4
Marine	7	79.6	93.1	99.8	101.8	106.3
Forest x	37	117.1	126.4	130.6	130.6	130.6
Mineral	59	92.5	93.9	95.7	95.6	96.2
Total Fully and Chiefly Manufactured	302	88.8	92.0	92.4	92.6	92.7
Farm Origin - Field	83	86.8	89.3	88.8	88.9	88.9
Farm Origin - Animal	54	89.0	94.1	93.2	95.5	95.7
Marine	9	96.8	113.9	126.1	127.0	127.0
Forest	20	76.9	77.5	77.6	77.6	77.6
Mineral	136	98.0	100.8	101.5	101.7	101.8

x Includes both domestic and export prices.
✓ Revised.

WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES
(All prices given in Canadian Funds)

Commodity		Yearly Average 1941	Jan. 1942	Nov. 1942	Dec. 1942	Jan. 1943
		$	$	$	$	$
OATS, No. 2 C.W. Ft.William and Pt.Arthur cash basis	Bush.	.408	.508	.454	.454	.496
WHEAT, No.1 Man. Northern Ft.William and Pt.Arthur cash basis	Bush	.747	.770	.905	.904	.904
FLOUR, First Patent, 2-98's Cotton, Toronto		5.529	5.050	5.050	5.050	5.050
SUGAR, Granulated, Montreal	Cwt.	6.643	6.893	6.893	6.893	6.893
RUBBER, Ceylon, ribbed, smoked Sheets, f.o.b. New York	Lb.	.273	.275	.275	.275	.275
LINSEED OIL, Raw, Montreal	Gal.	.834	.870	.900	.900	.900
CATTLE, steers, good up to 1050 lbs. Toronto	Cwt.	8.694	9.350	10.160	10.890	11.360
HOGS, BI, Dressed, Toronto	Cwt.	13.240	15.310	16.440	16.630	16.860
BEEF HIDES, Packer Hides Native Steers, Toronto	Lb.	.149	.150	.150	.150	.150
LEATHER, Packer crops, No. I and II f.o.b. Distributing points	Lb.	.474	.480	.480	.480	.480
BOX SIDES D, f.o.b. Ont. factory	Ft.	.225	.240	.240	.240	.240
BUTTER, Creamery prints, first grade Montreal	Lb.	.348	.355	.376	.379	.369
CHEESE, Canada, old large Montreal	Lb.	.271	.340	.340	.328	.320
EGGS, Grade "A" large Montreal	Doz.	.346	.371	.510	.499	.414
COTTON YARNS, 10's white single Hosiery cops, Mill	Lb.	.344	.350	.293	.293	.293
WOOL, eastern bright ¼ blood domestic, f.o.b. Ontario	Lb.	.310	.310	.310	.310	.310
WOOL, western range, semi-bright ½ blood, domestic, f.o.b. Ontario	Lb.	.263	.260	.260	.260	.260
(A) Pulp, groundwood, No.1 delivered, Eastern Continental Divide	Ton	44.000	49.500	50.600	50.600	50.600
STEEL, Merchant bars, mild Mill	100 Lbs.	2.686	2.754	2.754	2.754	2.754
PIG IRON, foundry No.1 f.o.b. Plant	Gross Ton	25.500	25.500	25.500	25.500	25.500
COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic Montreal	Cwt.	11.500	11.500	11.500	11.500	11.500
LEAD, domestic, f.o.b. carlots Montreal	Cwt.	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000
TIN INGOTS, Straits, f.o.b. Toronto	Lb.	.618	.620	.620	.620	.620
ZINC, domestic, f.o.b. carlots Montreal	Cwt.	5.150	5.150	5.150	5.150	5.150
COAL, Anthracite, Toronto f.o.b. carlots	Ton	12.138	12.499	12.553	12.553	13.224
COAL, Bituminous, N.S. run-of-mine	Ton	5.650	5.700	5.700	5.700	5.700
(B) GASOLENE, Standard Toronto	Gal.	.193	.215	.215	.215	.215
SULPHURIC ACID 66° Baume f.o.b. works	Net Ton	17.250	18.000	18.000	18.000	18.000

(A) Groundwood Pulp delivered to consumers' Mills, east of Continental Divide, (exclusive of Denver).

(B) 1942 - Federal Tax included.

PRICE INDEX NUMBER SYNOPSIS

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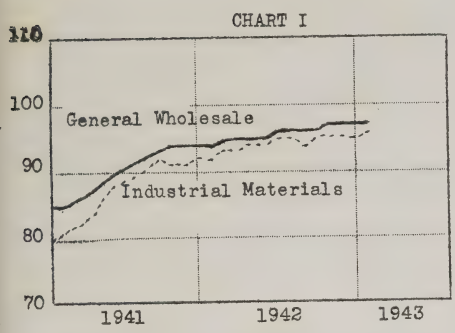

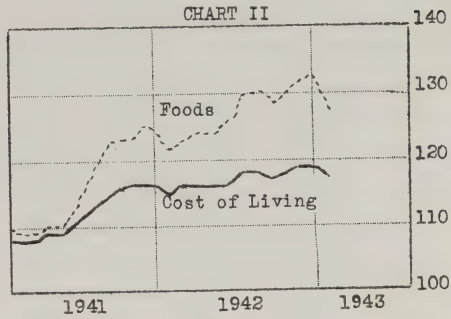

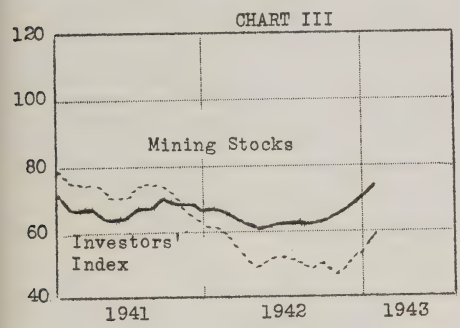

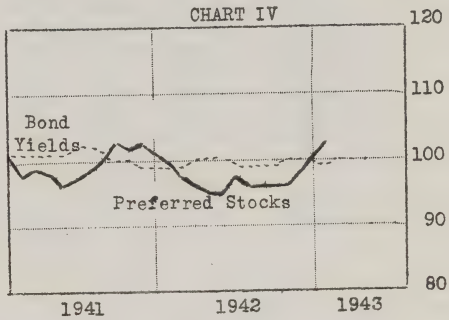

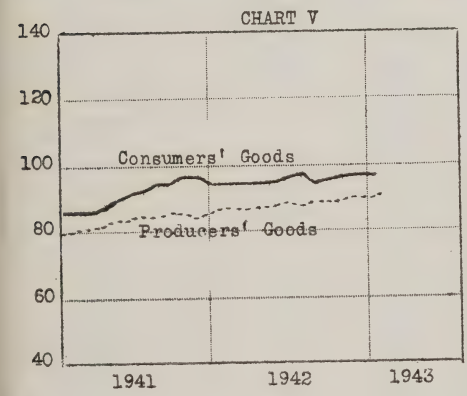

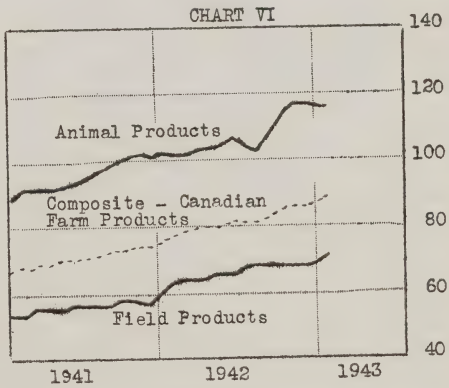

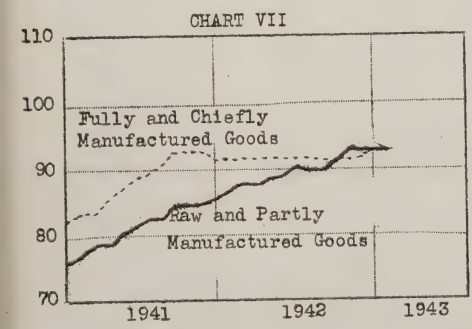

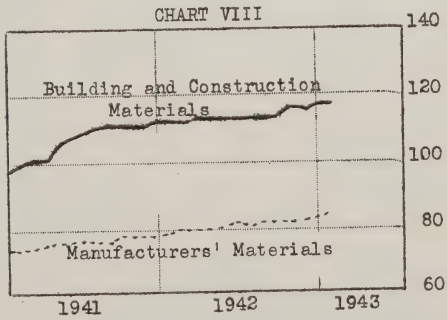

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS IN CANADA, 1913-JANUARY 2, 1943

(1935-39=100)

	Total Index	Food Index	Rent Index	Fuel and Lighting Index	Clothing Index	Home Furnishings and Miscellaneous Index	Retail Prices Index (Commodities only)
1913	79.1	89.1	74.3	77.1	87.4	69.6	-
1914	79.7	92.2	72.1	75.1	88.3	69.6	-
1915	80.7	93.7	69.8	73.8	96.4	70.0	-
1916	87.0	103.9	70.6	75.4	109.8	74.1	-
1917	102.4	134.3	75.8	83.8	129.1	80.7	-
1918	115.6	154.2	80.0	92.6	151.0	90.3	-
1919	126.5	164.8	87.3	100.7	173.6	100.0	-
1920	145.4	189.5	100.1	120.2	211.9	109.3	-
1921	129.9	145.5	109.4	128.1	172.0	111.4	-
1922	120.4	123.3	114.0	122.7	145.7	111.4	-
1923	120.7	124.1	116.9	122.5	143.8	110.7	-
1924	118.8	121.6	117.4	118.9	140.8	108.6	-
1925	119.8	127.2	117.4	116.8	140.3	106.5	-
1926	121.8	133.3	115.9	116.8	139.1	106.1	-
1927	119.9	130.8	114.5	114.4	135.6	105.1	-
1928	120.5	131.5	117.3	113.2	135.5	104.8	-
1929	121.7	134.7	119.7	112.6	134.8	105.0	-
1930	120.8	131.5	122.7	111.8	130.6	105.4	-
1931	109.1	103.1	119.4	110.0	114.3	103.3	-
1932	99.0	85.7	109.7	106.8	100.6	100.4	-
1933	94.4	84.9	98.6	102.5	93.3	98.2	-
1934	95.6	92.7	93.2	102.1	97.1	97.8	-

	Percentage Increase Since August 1, 1939						Home Furnishings and Services Index	Miscellaneous Index	
1935		96.2	94.6	94.0	100.9	97.6	95.4	98.7	95.9
1936		98.1	97.8	96.1	101.5	99.3	97.2	99.1	98.1
1937		101.2	103.2	99.7	98.9	101.4	101.5	100.1	102.0
1938		102.2	103.8	103.1	97.7	100.9	102.4	101.2	102.8
1939		101.5	100.6	103.8	101.2	100.7	101.4	101.4	101.0
1940		105.6	105.6	106.3	107.1	109.2	107.2	102.3	106.6
1941	10.8	111.7	116.1	109.4	110.3	116.1	113.8	105.1	114.9
1942	11.6	117.0	127.2	111.3	112.8	120.0	117.9	107.1	122.4
1939 Aug. 1	-	100.8	99.3	103.8	99.0	100.1	100.9	101.3	100.0
1941 Oct. 1	14.6	115.5	123.2	111.2	112.1	119.6	117.3	106.5	120.1
Nov. 1	15.4	116.3	125.4	111.2	112.7	120.0	117.9	106.7	121.4
Dec. 1	14.9	115.8	123.8	111.2	112.7	119.9	117.9	106.7	120.6
1942 Jan. 2	14.5	115.4	122.3	111.2	112.9	119.9	118.0	106.8	119.9
Feb. 2	14.8	115.7	123.1	111.2	112.9	119.8	118.0	107.1	120.3
Mar. 2	15.0	115.9	123.7	111.2	112.9	119.8	118.0	107.1	120.6
Apr. 1	15.0	115.9	123.7	111.2	112.9	119.8	118.1	107.1	120.6
May 1	15.2	116.1	124.3	111.3	112.9	119.9	118.0	107.1	120.9
June 1	15.8	116.7	126.2	111.3	112.6	119.9	117.9	107.1	121.8
July 2	17.0	117.9	130.3	111.3	112.5	120.0	117.9	107.1	123.9
Aug. 1	16.8	117.7	129.6	111.3	112.5	120.1	117.8	107.1	123.5
Sept. 1	16.5	117.4	128.5	111.3	112.5	120.1	117.8	107.1	123.0
Oct. 1	16.9	117.8	129.8	111.3	112.8	120.1	117.8	107.1	123.7
Nov. 2	17.7	118.6	132.4	111.3	112.8	120.1	117.8	107.1	125.0
Dec. 1	17.9	118.8	132.8	111.3	112.8	120.2	117.8	107.2	125.2
1943 Jan. 2	16.2	117.1	127.3	111.3	112.8	120.2	117.8	107.5	122.5

By Order-in-Council P.C. 6219 as amended, prices of cigarettes and tobacco used in the index for purposes of computing cost-of-living bonuses do not include the tax imposed on June 24, 1942, by the Special War Revenue Act. Since indirect taxes of this kind previously have been included in the index, a January figure reflecting the new tax has been computed to maintain continuity with preceding calculations. This index is 117.5.

INDEX NUMBERS OF RETAIL PRICES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES OF FOOD IN CANADA, AUGUST 1, 1939, AND JANUARY 2, 1942-JANUARY 2, 1943.

(1935-39=100)

Year and Month	Beef Sirloin	Beef Blade	Veal Roast	Lamb Roast	Pork Fresh	Bacon Breakfast	Canned Salmon	Pure Lard	Eggs Grade "A"	Milk Fresh	Butter Creamery	Cheese Canadian	Beans Dry	Potatoes
1939 - August 1st	110.7	111.4	105.5	109.3	105.8	97.4	99.1	73.4	91.5	100.0	88.7	98.2	87.9	126.4
1942 - January 2nd	133.2	147.5	148.4	120.0	132.0	128.7	131.9	104.5	121.1	111.0	124.3	170.4	112.1	120.1
February 2nd	134.0	148.3	150.3	122.3	132.8	128.7	132.5	103.9	118.1	111.0	124.3	171.4	112.1	145.7
March 2nd	134.8	150.3	152.2	124.6	133.6	128.7	133.1	103.9	115.4	111.0	125.9	171.4	112.1	153.9
April 1st	135.6	152.4	152.2	125.8	134.4	128.9	133.7	104.5	110.3	111.0	126.5	171.4	112.1	155.0
May 1st	137.1	155.9	153.5	127.7	134.8	129.3	134.4	105.2	106.6	111.0	127.2	168.5	113.8	158.5
June 1st	145.5	166.4	158.5	132.7	136.0	129.3	135.0	105.2	106.6	111.0	127.2	165.7	113.8	166.3
July 2nd	156.5	181.8	164.1	151.9	137.7	130.4	135.6	104.5	113.0	111.0	126.2	163.4	113.8	234.5
August 1st	153.3	177.6	162.3	147.7	137.2	130.7	136.3	103.9	120.2	111.0	125.9	162.4	113.8	220.5
September 1st ...	147.8	170.6	164.1	135.4	137.2	131.0	137.5	102.6	134.1	111.9	126.5	161.5	112.1	169.4
October 1st	145.8	167.1	164.8	133.1	136.8	131.9	137.5	103.2	151.7	112.8	127.8	160.6	112.1	151.9
November 2nd	150.2	174.8	168.5	132.7	138.1	132.5	138.7	105.2	167.4	112.8	129.4	160.1	112.1	153.1
December 1st	150.2	174.8	167.9	133.5	138.9	133.4	138.7	109.1	170.1	112.8	132.7	160.1	112.1	154.7
1943 - January 2nd	151.4	176.9	170.4	137.7	138.9	134.0	138.1	113.6	155.3	94.5	129.4	159.6	112.1	158.5

Year and Month	Tomatoes Canned	Peas Canned	Bread White	Flour House-hold	Rolled Oats	Rice	Prunes	Raisins	Jam Straw-berry	Sugar Granu-lated	Sugar Yellow	Tea	Coffee	Weighted Food Index (46 Items)
1939 - August 1st	91.3	89.7	98.4	78.4	92.6	101.2	94.7	100.0	96.5	101.6	101.6	105.6	94.4	99.3
1942 - January 2nd	117.9	105.0	104.8	100.0	103.7	128.0	110.5	103.6	105.3	132.8	133.3	152.7	133.4	122.3
February 2nd	117.9	105.0	104.8	100.0	105.5	128.0	110.5	104.2	105.3	132.8	133.3	153.8	133.7	123.1
March 2nd	118.8	105.0	104.8	100.0	105.5	130.5	111.4	104.2	105.9	132.8	133.3	154.3	133.4	123.7
April 1st	118.8	105.0	104.8	100.0	105.5	131.7	111.4	104.2	105.9	132.8	133.3	154.7	133.7	123.7
May 1st	118.8	105.9	104.8	100.0	105.5	132.9	111.4	104.2	105.9	134.4	133.3	155.4	133.7	124.3
June 1st	118.8	105.9	104.8	100.0	105.5	132.9	111.4	104.2	105.9	134.4	133.3	155.8	133.7	126.2
July 2nd	118.8	106.7	104.8	100.0	105.5	134.1	112.3	104.2	105.9	134.4	133.3	156.2	133.7	130.3
August 1st	118.8	106.7	104.8	100.0	105.5	135.4	113.1	103.6	106.5	134.4	133.3	156.3	133.4	129.6
September 1st ...	118.8	106.7	104.8	100.0	105.5	137.8	113.1	103.6	106.5	134.4	133.3	156.3	134.0	128.5
October 1st	118.8	107.6	104.8	100.0	105.5	140.2	114.0	101.8	107.1	134.4	133.3	156.3	134.0	129.8
November 2nd	118.8	107.6	104.8	100.0	105.5	142.7	114.9	100.6	107.7	134.4	133.3	156.3	134.0	132.4
December 1st	118.8	107.6	104.8	100.0	105.5	143.9	116.7	98.8	107.7	134.4	133.3	156.3	134.3	132.8
1943 - January 2nd	118.8	107.6	104.8	100.0	105.5	146.3	117.5	97.0	108.3	134.4	133.3	138.7	123.7	127.3

INVESTORS' MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCKS

(1935-39=100)

Number of Securities 1942	GENERAL: Total 95	INDUSTRIALS: Total 68	Machinery and Equipment 8	Pulp and Paper 7	Milling 3	Oils 4	Textiles and Clothing 10	Food and Allied Products 12	Beverages 7	Building Materials 15	Industrial Mines 2	UTILITIES: Total 19	Transportation 2	Telephone Telegraph 2	Power and Traction 15	BANKS: Total 8
1940 - August	69.3	65.8	78.7	76.2	80.6	52.4	114.0	93.5	95.9	77.5	71.2	73.6	55.0	95.3	73.2	88.1
September....	75.8	73.1	85.5	82.1	95.5	60.7	121.4	101.6	99.5	87.0	77.4	78.0	60.1	99.5	77.2	92.9
October	74.2	71.3	84.0	80.1	93.5	56.2	120.8	101.4	99.5	88.9	77.7	77.0	55.4	100.2	76.9	91.9
November	74.5	71.3	86.0	82.6	81.4	54.5	121.5	100.7	105.8	91.2	77.8	78.2	62.2	101.4	76.2	92.7
December	70.3	65.9	78.6	76.7	75.2	48.7	116.8	99.6	106.5	87.6	71.4	76.4	55.8	101.3	75.6	94.6
1941 - January	71.3	66.9	77.6	74.1	72.3	51.6	110.6	96.8	104.3	84.0	73.2	77.3	60.9	101.2	75.4	94.7
February	66.5	62.3	72.9	63.8	69.5	48.7	105.0	90.1	96.6	77.3	67.3	71.3	51.6	100.2	68.8	90.9
March	66.8	63.1	73.6	65.4	69.5	49.5	103.1	87.9	93.7	78.5	69.0	70.7	55.7	99.2	67.0	89.9
April	65.8	62.3	73.2	63.9	68.6	49.4	101.3	88.6	88.1	77.8	67.8	68.2	57.3	97.8	62.2	89.7
May	63.9	60.7	71.8	59.7	63.4	51.3	97.4	88.6	82.8	74.4	62.6	65.2	54.8	91.6	60.3	88.3
June	64.0	60.3	72.0	59.5	67.5	48.0	101.1	90.1	87.3	74.9	64.2	67.1	58.9	92.0	62.0	89.0
July	67.5	64.0	76.3	66.1	67.5	48.4	105.7	90.5	94.3	77.8	72.3	70.6	65.8	93.0	65.3	89.7
August	67.8	64.4	76.8	70.2	72.4	49.1	106.3	91.8	95.7	79.7	71.5	71.2	70.0	94.6	64.4	89.7
September ...	71.0	67.5	80.5	78.5	75.1	51.3	108.4	93.3	102.4	82.4	75.8	74.7	70.3	98.6	68.8	91.2
October	69.1	65.5	78.3	75.5	74.5	51.2	105.7	91.9	98.7	78.9	71.7	72.5	65.7	96.8	67.2	90.8
November	68.8	65.3	78.2	76.4	74.9	52.9	110.0	91.0	102.6	77.8	68.9	71.1	65.2	95.3	65.5	91.7
December	67.2	63.9	75.5	72.9	72.2	49.0	110.4	91.4	104.8	75.5	69.7	68.7	80.4	95.9	63.0	90.5
1942 - January	66.8	62.9	74.3	71.9	74.5	45.9	112.8	88.7	99.2	75.1	71.9	70.4	64.5	95.5	64.4	91.1
February	64.7	60.8	73.4	69.3	69.7	43.6	108.7	85.5	96.3	73.9	70.1	67.7	60.5	93.5	62.1	91.1
March	62.3	57.8	69.7	66.1	70.9	41.2	104.3	75.8	92.8	74.0	67.3	67.5	59.4	93.5	62.0	89.4
April	61.1	56.6	70.6	63.2	69.6	41.4	102.4	74.2	93.1	73.9	64.2	66.3	60.6	91.9	60.2	88.4
May	62.0	57.9	74.7	61.1	70.5	43.2	104.3	73.5	94.2	75.7	65.2	66.4	59.6	92.0	60.7	87.4
June	62.8	58.4	76.2	61.1	69.6	44.5	106.6	73.9	93.6	76.8	64.9	68.1	56.6	92.3	64.3	87.7
July	62.4	58.6	76.6	58.9	65.3	46.6	100.4	75.9	95.5	75.3	62.7	67.8	58.4	86.5	65.2	81.7
August	61.6	58.5	76.0	56.0	61.2	47.5	97.7	75.3	98.3	73.1	61.9	67.8	58.8	80.8	66.9	71.9
September ...	62.6	59.8	77.9	55.9	62.0	49.0	99.8	74.2	98.7	71.2	64.1	69.2	62.5	83.4	67.1	69.0
October	65.0	62.2	80.3	57.8	64.9	51.0	99.6	74.0	98.9	70.8	68.4	72.0	73.4	83.9	67.9	70.3
November	67.6	64.1	82.5	62.6	72.3	53.7	101.6	77.1	105.5	74.9	68.0	77.6	85.7	87.1	72.1	72.3
December	71.3	67.2	86.0	71.2	81.9	57.9	109.3	82.5	107.3	79.6	69.1	83.8	88.2	89.8	80.7	74.4
1943 - January	76.3	72.1	90.3	75.3	82.4	62.9	114.3	88.2	109.7	84.0	74.3	90.0	92.1	93.3	88.5	76.7

NOTE - Issues added: Dominion Wools and Worsteds and Canadian Breweries. Issues dropped: Chateau-Gai Wines and York Knitting Mills.

INDEX NUMBERS OF TWENTY-FIVE MINING STOCKS
(1935-39=100)

No. of Stocks 1943	Golds 22	Base Metals 3	Total Index 25
1941 - January	74.4	89.2	79.4
February	70.6	83.2	74.9
March	70.0	84.7	75.1
April	69.0	87.6	75.1
May	66.1	81.2	71.2
June	64.4	83.9	71.0
July	66.2	91.3	74.6
August	66.0	91.7	74.6
September	66.0	94.0	75.4
October	60.8	87.4	69.7
November	54.9	83.0	65.0
December	52.2	84.8	63.2
1942 - January	50.5	84.3	61.9
February	45.4	81.5	57.5
March	40.1	75.3	51.9
April	37.5	72.8	49.3
May	39.6	75.8	51.7
June	42.6	74.3	53.2
July	39.3	73.3	50.6
August	38.0	72.3	49.4
September	38.4	72.1	49.7
October	33.3	71.8	46.2
November	40.7	73.2	51.6
December	44.7	74.4	54.7
1943 - January	50.1	79.4	60.0
Weekly Index Numbers			
Week ending Jan. 7th.	*48.2	77.4	*58.0
Week ending " 14th	50.4	80.3	60.4
Week ending " 21st	50.6	80.1	60.5
Week ending " 28th	51.3	79.7	60.9
Week ending Feb. 4th	51.3	79.9	60.9

* Revised figures.

NOTE: Added to the list of mining stocks: Kerr-Addison, MacLeod-Cockshutt, and Madsen Red Lake.
Removed from the list: God's Lake, Teck-Hughes and Uchi.

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MONTHLY INDEXES OF AMERICAN STOCK PRICES, 1942-1943.
(Issued by Standard and Poor's Trade Securities)
(1935-1939=100)

	Composite	Industrials	Railroads	Utilities
1942 - January	72.6	74.3	69.0	66.1
February	69.9	71.0	68.4	64.5
March	66.0	67.2	65.0	60.5
April	63.3	64.8	61.1	56.5
May	63.2	64.7	60.3	67.2
June	66.1	68.2	59.0	58.8
July	68.2	70.6	62.9	58.4
August	68.3	70.5	65.4	58.8
September	69.4	71.6	66.7	59.5
October	74.2	76.5	72.7	63.7
November	75.2	77.2	73.0	66.2
December	74.7	77.2	68.1	64.9
1943 - January (2nd week)	79.0	81.4	72.9	69.5

Indexes available to 1871.

MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELDS, 1937-1943
(1935-1939=100)

	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
January	95.2	102.2	97.3	109.3	100.6	99.4	98.8
February	100.1	100.8	97.2	107.2	100.8	99.3	-
March	106.4	100.3	95.4	107.9	100.5	99.6	-
April	107.2	97.4	96.3	105.5	100.6	99.6	-
May	106.4	96.2	97.8	104.5	101.1	99.5	-
June	105.6	98.0	95.7	107.8	101.9	98.8	-
July	104.4	98.7	96.0	107.0	101.5	98.7	-
August	102.9	98.8	98.6	104.3	101.2	99.0	-
September	103.2	101.9	117.0	103.1	100.3	99.4	-
October	106.2	99.3	111.9	102.6	100.2	99.6	-
November	105.7	97.4	108.4	101.9	99.1	99.6	-
December	102.9	97.2	110.5	101.0	99.3	99.4	-

WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BONDS, 1942-1943

	Yields		Yields		Yields
November 4	99.6	December 2	99.6	January 3	99.3
" 11	99.6	" 9	99.3	" 13	99.0
" 18	99.6	" 16	99.3	" 20	98.6
" 25	99.6	" 23	99.3	" 27	98.3
		" 30	99.3		

INDEX NUMBERS OF 30 PREFERRED STOCK PRICES, 1936-1943
(1935-1939=100)

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1936	90.3	93.1	92.0	91.7	90.0	91.9	95.9	97.2	101.1	104.7	109.9	113.3
1937	119.7	121.1	123.8	124.4	120.9	119.8	119.9	122.4	109.8	99.2	98.9	97.7
1938	100.6	99.0	93.5	94.3	96.6	98.7	105.2	104.7	98.1	106.2	105.5	104.8
1939	102.5	101.8	101.2	95.2	95.3	98.8	100.1	97.7	100.5	107.4	108.7	110.1
1940	110.7	109.7	108.8	108.9	96.7	86.9	89.0	93.9	99.1	100.7	103.0	101.7
1941	101.4	97.6	98.7	97.9	96.3	96.8	98.5	100.0	103.2	102.2	102.6	100.7
1942	99.6	96.8	95.6	94.5	95.4	96.5	95.7	95.8	95.6	96.2	97.5	100.4
1943	102.7											

EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS AT MONTREAL, AUGUST 1939 AND 1940-1943

Note: The noon rates in Canadian Funds upon which these averages are based have been supplied by the Bank of Canada.

	New York Funds	London Sterling	(A) Argentine Peso (Paper)	(A) Brazil Milreis	India Rupee
	$	$	$	$	$
1939 - August	1.0047	4.6327	.2321	.0504	.3346
1940	*1.1050	*4,450	.2539	.0557	.3359
1941	1.1050	4.450	.2621	.0563	.3356
1942 - August	1.1050	4.450	.2636	.0571	.3359
September	1.1050	4.450	.2631	.0571	.3359
October	1.1050	4.450	.2632	.0572	.3359
November	1.1050	4.450	.2626	.0572	.3359
December	1.1050	4.450	.2621	.0572	.3359
1943 - January	1.1050	4.450	.2613	.0570	.3359

*Since September 16, 1939, quotations used are the average of the daily buying and selling rates set by the Foreign Exchange Control Board. The current buying and selling rate for sterling is $4.43 and $4.47 and U.S. funds $1.10 and $1.11.

(A) Unofficial.

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PRICE MOVEMENTS, FEBRUARY, 1943

WHOLESALE: The Bureau's composite monthly wholesale price index on the base 1926=100 advanced 0.4 points to 97.5 between January and February 1943, due entirely to increases in vegetable and animal products. Vegetable products advanced 0.8 points to 86.9 in February on rising prices for oranges, grains, potatoes, onions, miscellaneous (hay) and rolled oats and oatmeal. Dried fruits recorded the only decline with a loss of 1.8 points to 91.9. Over the same period, animal products gained 0.8 points to 105.0, due to increases for furs, sheepskins, livestock, fresh meat, butter, cheese, animal oils and fats and fish which more than counterbalanced further seasonal weakness in eggs. The six other principal sub-groups remained unchanged, fibres, textiles and textile products at 92.0; wood, wood products and paper 104.0; iron and its products 115.4; non-ferrous metals 79.7 non-metallic minerals 100.9 and chemicals and allied products 101.0. An increase of 0.2 to 96.3 in the composite industrial materials index between January and February was due to strength in food prices, viz., wheat, oats, steers and hogs. The food series of five commodities gained 1.5 points to 92.9 during the month while the manufacturing material prices section of 13 items and the stable group of 12 price series were steady at 82.6 and 115.6 respectively.

The Canadian farm products composite price index advanced 0.8 to 88.5 in February reflecting strength for both field and animal products. Field products, on higher prices for grains, potatoes, onions and hay stiffened 1.0 points to 71.6 during the month, while animal products gained 0.6 to 116.8 on rising prices for livestock and hides and skins (sheepskins). These more than offset continued seasonal recessions in egg quotations.

Food prices at wholesale have shown noteworthy increases since the outbreak of war. It will be noted from the following statement that between August 1939 and December 1941, increases in nearly all prices were substantial. From August, 1939 to February, 1943 prices for 9 out of a total of 22 foods recorded further increases over December 1941, 4 were inchanged while 9 were lower. However, advances since establishment of the 'ceiling' were relatively small with the exception of potatoes, which were up[x] 61 p.c.; lard 34 p.c., and lamb and beef, on a carcass basis, 27 p.c., and 24 p.c., respectively. Comparison of wholesale with retail price changes for the same intervals showed wholesale price increases to December 1941, greater for 17 out of 22 items, smaller for 4 while in one instance, sugar, the increases were identical. By February, 1943 this spread had narrowed, increases in wholesale quotations exceeding retail in only 13 instances.

PERCENTAGE INCREASES IN WHOLESALE PRICES OF 22 FOOD ITEMS SINCE AUGUST, 1939.

Commodity	December 1941	February 1943	Commodity	December 1941	February 1943
Coffee beans	109.2	88.5	Sugar, granulated ...	35.5	35.5
Cheese, new	91.7	72.0	Tomatoes, canned	34.9	24.3
Prunes	66.6	66.6	Potatoes	22.9	97.3
Veal carcass	65.7	50.4	Eggs 'A'	22.7	28.4
Rolled Oats	64.5	59.5	Jam, strawberry	22.6	0.8
Butter, creamery ...	55.1	61.6	Milk, fluid	21.5	27.2
Lard	49.8	100.2	Raisins	21.2	14.4
Tea	49.7	31.5	Flour	19.8	19.8
Beef, carcass	41.7	75.6	Lamb, carcass	18.7	50.6
Bacon	40.3	45.8	Peas, canned	16.2	12.4
Pork, carcass	39.0	41.0	Bread, white	3.3	3.3

COST OF LIVING: (Wartime increase 16.0 per cent -- from 100.8 to 116.9) The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index declined from 117.1 on January 2 to 116.9 on February 1, 1943. In compliance with Order-in-Council P.C. 6219 as amended, the price of cigarettes and tobacco in the February index does not include the tax imposed on June 24, 1942. The February index reflected a decrease of 0.6 points in the food group and fractional declines for fuel and lighting and clothing. The food index fell from 127.3 to 126.7 due mainly to lower prices for eggs and oranges. Moderate increases occurred for potatoes and meats. The fuel and light index fell from 112.8 to 112.7, and clothing from 120.2 to 120.1. Other indexes remained unchanged as follows: rent 111.3, home furnishings and services 117.8, and miscellaneous items 107.5.

x Potatoes did not have a maximum price established until February, 1942. The increase from February, 1942 to February 1943 was only 16 p.c.

SECURITIES: February security price levels were generally above those obtaining in January, though weekly indexes indicated that the rise was tapering off. Compared with the February average, January and February month-end weekly indexes registered practically no change for the Investors' index. Mining stocks, on the other hand, continued to advance moderately. The February month-end composite index was one-half a point above the monthly average, and one point above the final January level.

Led by milling stocks, 7.2 p.c. higher at 88.3, oils up 6.9 p.c. at 67.2, and industrial mines 5.8 p.c., at 78.6, the Investors' monthly index at 78.7 registered a 3.1 p.c. advance over January. Industrial stocks averaged 4.8 p.c. higher at 75.6 while utilities were weaker, declining 2.2 p.c. to 88.0. Transportation issues, with a drop of 8.0 p.c. to 84.7 registered the sharpest loss in the utility group, while telephone and telegraph issues eased 1.2 p.c. to 92.2 and power and traction 0.5 p.c. to 88.0. Bank shares continued to stiffen, moving up a further 2.4 p.c. to 78.6.

As noted above, mining stocks continued to gain. From an average index level of 60.0 in January the composite index for 25 mining stocks mounted 2.5 p.c. to 61.5 in February. Gold stocks were 3.8 p.c. higher at 52.0, while base metals advanced about one-third that amount to 80.3. Gold stock prices for February averaged 54.3 p.c. of pre-war levels (August, 1939=100) while base metals were 64.7 p.c. of the August 1939 level.

Pronounced strength for milling, power and food issues was mainly responsible for a further advance of 2.7 p.c. to 105.5 in the composite preferred stock index between January and February. At that level preferred stocks reached their highest point since April, of 1940. Milling issues averaged 10.8 p.c. higher; power shares 7.5 p.c. and foods 5.5 p.c. Other series to record more moderate advances during the month were machinery and equipment and miscellaneous each up 2.7 p.c.; pulp and paper 2.5 p.c. and oils and building materials 2.3 p.c. Registering the only decline, tobacco shares were off 1.2 p.c. in the same interval.

Yields of a Dominion of Canada theoretical 15-year bond averaged lower at 3.04 for February as compared with 3.05 for January, and the 1942 high of 3.07 in November. Movements were narrow, with the final week of February showing no change from the last week of January. The yield moved up from 3.03 on January 27, to 3.04 for February 3. This was unchanged for the 10th, but dropped back to 3.03 for the 17th, and remained at that point for the 24th. In index form, using the years 1935 to 1939 inclusive as the base period, the yield for February was 98.5, or 0.3 lower than for January. An index of representative Province of Ontario bond yields, compiled from information furnished by Wood, Gundy and Company, Limited, remained at 88.1 for February, and the average yield of the issues included was 3.10.

Weekly Index Numbers of 30 Industrial Material Prices
(1926=100)

Month	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
February, 1943	96.1	96.3	96.4	96.5	-
January, 1943	95.5	x 95.9	x 96.2	x 96.2	-
December, 1942	94.9	95.0	95.1	95.2	95.3
November, 1942	95.0	95.0	94.9	95.0	-

x Revised.

Weekly Index Numbers of Canadian Farm Products
(1926=100)

Month	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
February, 1943	88.0	88.4	88.7	88.9	-
January, 1943	87.3	87.5	87.7	88.0	-
December, 1942	86.2	86.4	87.1	87.2	87.3
November, 1942	86.1	86.3	86.4	86.1	-

SUMMARY TABLES OF CANADIAN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

(1926 = 100)

	General Wholesale Price Index	Consumers' Goods	Producers' Goods	Building Materials	Raw and Partly Manufactured Goods	Fully and Chiefly Manufactured Goods	Canadian Farm Products			Industrial Materials	Thirteen Sensitive Materials
							Field	Animal	Total		
1913	64.0	62.0	67.7	67.0	63.8	64.8	56.4	77.0	64.1	-	-
1920	155.9	136.1	164.3	144.0	154.1	156.5	166.5	150.8	160.6	-	-
1929	95.6	94.7	96.1	99.0	97.5	93.0	93.8	112.5	100.8	91.8	87.2
1933	67.1	71.1	63.1	78.3	56.6	70.2	45.8	59.7	51.0	54.1	43.8
1939	75.4	75.9	70.4	89.7	67.4	75.3	54.2	81.2	64.3	69.0	57.0
1940	82.9	83.4	78.7	95.6	75.3	81.5	56.0	85.8	67.1	79.0	65.9
1941	90.0	91.1	83.6	107.3	81.8	88.8	56.5	95.9	71.2	87.3	75.0
1939 August	72.3	72.7	66.7	90.2	62.8	72.6	48.2	75.4	58.4	65.3	52.9
1941											
February	85.4	85.7	80.5	100.2	77.7	83.8	54.4	91.6	68.3	81.2	66.9
March	86.0	86.2	81.3	100.6	78.9	84.3	55.6	91.8	69.1	82.3	68.6
April	86.8	87.1	81.6	100.9	79.3	85.5	55.9	92.2	69.5	83.4	70.8
May	88.8	88.9	83.5	107.8	80.8	87.2	55.5	93.3	69.6	86.5	73.6
June	90.1	90.6	84.2	108.5	81.8	88.9	57.1	94.3	71.0	88.0	75.4
July	91.2	92.1	84.5	109.9	82.5	90.4	57.1	96.1	71.7	89.3	77.6
August	92.0	93.6	84.5	111.6	83.4	91.0	56.7	97.9	72.1	90.3	79.7
September	93.3	95.4	85.5	112.2	84.6	92.5	57.6	99.6	73.3	91.5	80.5
October	93.9	96.6	85.7	112.1	85.4	93.1	57.9	101.1	74.1	91.3	80.6
November	94,0	96.7	85.4	112.1	85.4	93.1	57.4	102.0	74.1	91.0	80.4
December	93.6	95.3	85.7	112.9	85.6	92.2	59.2	100.5	74.6	91.7	80.4
1942											
January	94.3	95.3	86.8	113.1	87.2	92.0	62.8	101.5	77.3	92.4	80.4
February	94.6	94.9	87.2	113.3	87.8	91.7	64.3	102.1	78.4	93.2	80.8
March	95.1	95.4	87.4	114.2	88.4	92.1	64.6	102.7	78.8	93.3	80.9
April	95.0	95.1	87.7	114.4	88.6	91.9	65.0	103.7	79.5	93.5	80.9
May	95.2	95.1	88.3	114.4	89.4	91.6	65.5	104.8	80.2	94.2	81.5
June	95.8	96.0	88.7	114.2	90.5	91.5	66.3	107.0	81.5	94.8	81.6
July	96.0	96.6	88.0	113.8	90.4	91.9	67.7	103.6	81.1	94.6	82.0
August	95.5	95.3	88.7	113.8	89.7	91.8	68.4	102.9	81.3	94.3	81.8
September	96.0	96.0	89.1	114.2	91.4	92.0	67.3	112.2	84.3	94.8	82.3
October	96.8	96.9	89.3	116.2	93.1	92.2	67.9	115.5	85.7	95.0	82.6
November	96.9	97.3	89.5	116.[illegible]	92.5	92.4	68.3	116.7	86.4	94.9	82.6
December	97.0	97.1	90.0	116.7	92.3	[illegible]	69.0	117.3	87.1	95.[illegible]	82.5
January	97.2x	96.6	90.8x	118.3x	93.9x	92.7	70.6	116.1x	87.7x	95.5x	82.6
February	97.5	96.9	91.1	118.3	93.8	92.8	71.6	116.8	88.5	96.3	82.6

x Revised.

COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION

(1926=100)

Note: Wholesale price indexes appearing in this bulletin are subject to revision.

Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1941	Feb. 1942	Dec. 1942	Jan. 1943	Feb. 1943
Total Index	526	90.0	94.6	97.0	97.1+	97.5
I. Vegetable Products	123	77.0	82.7	86.0	86.1	86.9
Fruits	14	88.6	87.0	126.3	109.2	111.9
Fresh	4	91.8	86.6	140.7	117.7	121.6
Dried	4	82.2	93.6	92.3	93.7	91.9
Canned	6	75.5	82.8	73.5	73.5	73.5
Grains	22	56.2	61.1	67.3	68.2	68.7
Flour and Milled Products	12	76.7	75.5	78.9	78.9	79.0
Bakery Products	2	86.3	86.8	86.8	86.8	86.8
Vegetable Oils	4	109.8	131.7	132.2	132.2	132.2
Rubber and Its Products	7	74.2	75.7	75.7	75.7	75.7
Sugar and Its Products and Glucose	8	115.9	120.4	120.6	120.6	120.6
Tea, Coffee, Cocoa and Spices	13	109.1	121.8	109.6	109.6	109.6
Vegetables	13	66.1	97.1	85.4	95.3	101.4
II. Animals and Their Products	75	92.1	98.9	105.0	104.2+	105.0
Fishery Products	16	92.9	107.6	116.9	118.5	119.1
Furs	9	80.5	73.6	67.6	67.6	78.2
Hides and Skins	6	110.3	122.0	120.1	120.9	123.1
Leather, Unmanufactured	9	106.3	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9
Boots and Shoes	2	103.5	105.3	105.7	105.7	105.7
Live Stock	4	110.0	122.9	137.1	142.0	145.6
Meats and Poultry	9	94.9	102.7	108.2	110.3+	111.2
Milk and Its Products	12	93.2	98.4	100.0	99.0	99.5
Fats	5	63.3	72.3	81.2	89.0	89.6
Eggs	3	70.8	78.9	108.1	88.6	85.5
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	64	91.0	92.1	92.0	92.0	92.0
Cotton Fabrics	19	87.8	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5
Knit Goods	3	95.4	101.3	98.9	98.9	98.9
Flax, Hemp and Jute Products	6	86.0	90.9	92.2	92.2	92.2
Rayon and Silk Hosiery	1	70.2	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1
Rayon Fabrics	2	69.0	67.2	67.2	67.2	67.2
Artificial Silk Products	2	49.0	49.0	49.0	49.0	49.0
Wool, Raw	3	95.0	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7
Wool Hosiery and Knit Goods	5	108.2	108.8	108.8	108.8	108.8
Wool Cloth	6	104.5	105.2	105.2	105.2	105.2
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	96.0	100.8	102.8	104.0+	104.0
Newsprint and Wrapping Paper	2	74.0	74.0	74.0	74.0	74.0
Lumber	33	120.6	130.3	135.7	139.3+	139.3
Pulp	3	108.9	116.4	119.0	119.0	119.0
Furniture	10	99.1	104.7	104.7	104.7	104.7
V. Iron and Its Products	44	111.3	115.4	115.3	115.4	115.4
Pig Iron and Steel Billets	3	101.7	104.8	104.8	104.8	104.8
Rolling Mill Products	14	115.0	121.6	121.3	121.6	121.6
Hardware	16	92.5	93.9	93.9	93.9	93.9
Wire	3	99.3	100.4	100.4	100.4	100.4
Scrap	5	112.3	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	17	77.7	77.8	79.7	79.7	79.7
Brass and Copper Products	5	86.3	86.7	86.7	86.7	86.7
Lead and Its Products	2	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1
Tin Ingots	2	91.1	96.2	95.6	95.6	95.6
Zinc and Its Products	2	59.1	59.1	59.1	59.1	59.1
Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products (V and VI above)	61	100.1	102.9	103.4	103.5	103.5

+ Revised

COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION

(1926=100)

Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1941	Feb. 1942	Dec. 1942	Jan. 1943	Feb. 1943
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	81	95.6	99.3	100.4	100.9	100.9
Clay and Allied Material Products	10	93.7	96.3	101.3	101.3	101.3
Coal	13	108.3	111.6	113.8	115.3	115.3
Coke	4	121.8	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5
Manufactured Gas	3	103.4	103.5	103.5	103.5	103.5
Glass and Its Products	6	102.8	104.4	104.4	104.4	104.4
Petroleum Products	5	78.9	85.1	85.1	85.1	85.1
Asphalt	2	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3
Salt	4	123.6	130.6	130.6	130.6	130.6
Lime	4	108.4	112.2	112.2	112.2	112.2
Cement	1	104.1	106.5	106.5	106.5	106.5
Sand and Gravel	8	87.6	89.6	89.1	89.0	89.0
Crushed Stone	3	78.5	87.6	91.1	91.1	91.1
Building Stone	3	68.4	70.8	70.8	70.8	70.8
Asbestos	8	74.1	74.1	74.1	74.1	74.1
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	73	98.9	104.3	101.1	101.0	101.0
Inorganic Chemicals	22	89.2	88.8	89.1	88.6	88.8
Organic Chemicals	5	86.0	90.4	90.4	90.4	90.4
Coal Tar Products	2	90.7	91.1	91.1	91.1	91.1
Dyeing and Tanning Materials	10	131.4	136.4	136.4	136.4	136.4
Explosives	2	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1
Paints, Prepared	1	79.7	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5
Drugs and Pharmaceutical Chemicals	8	162.6	176.0	167.7	167.7	167.7
Fertilizers	10	87.9	88.1	83.9	83.9	83.7
Industrial Gases	2	85.1	83.7	82.3	82.6	83.2

PURPOSE CLASSIFICATION

(1926=100)

I. CONSUMERS' GOODS (Groups A and B)	215	91.1	94.9	97.1	96.6	96.9
A. Foods, Beverages and Tobacco	118	89.5	95.6	101.6	100.0	100.7
B. Other Consumers' Goods	97	92.2	94.5	94.1	94.3	94.3
II. PRODUCERS' GOODS (Groups C and D)	377	83.6	87.3	90.0	90.8 ≠	91.1
C. Producers' Equipment	24	105.7	108.5	110.5	111.1	111.1
D. Producers' Materials	353	81.1	84.9	87.7	88.5 ≠	88.9

ORIGIN CLASSIFICATION

(1926=100)

Total Raw and Partly Manufactured	223	81.8	87.8	92.6	93.0 ≠	93.8
Farm Origin - Field	84	63.2	70.8	75.1	75.8	76.9
Farm Origin - Animal	36	95.0	99.4	107.5	106.5 ≠	107.4
Marine	7	79.6	94.3	101.8	106.3	108.1
Forest x	37	117.1	126.1	130.6	133.1 ≠	133.1
Mineral	59	92.5	94.0	95.6	96.2	96.2
Total Fully and Chiefly Manufactured	302	88.8	91.7	92.6	92.7	92.8
Farm Origin - Field	83	86.8	87.9	88.9	88.9	89.0
Farm Origin - Animal	54	89.0	94.3	95.5	95.7	96.0
Marine	9	96.8	113.8	127.0	127.0	127.0
Forest	20	76.9	77.5	77.6	77.6	77.6
Mineral	136	98.0	101.7	101.7	101.8	101.8

x Included both domestic and export prices.

≠ Revised.

WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES

(All prices given in Canadian Funds)

Commodity		Yearly Average 1941	Feb. 1942	Dec. 1942	Jan. 1943	Feb. 1943
		$	$	$	$	$
OATS, No. 2 C.W. Ft. William and Pt. Arthur, cash basis	Bush.	.408	.500	.454	.496	.513
WHEAT, No. 1 Man. Northern Ft.William and Pt.Arthur, cash basis	Bush.	.747	.780	.904	.904	.905
FLOUR, First Patent, 2-98's Cotton bags, Toronto		5.529	5.050	5.050	5.050	5.050
SUGAR, Granulated, Montreal	Cwt.	6.643	6.893	6.893	6.893	6.893
LINSEED OIL, Raw, Montreal	Gal.	.834	.885	.900	.900	.900
CATTLE, steers, good up to 1,050 lbs. Toronto	Cwt.	8,694	9.710	10.890	11.360	11.640
HOGS, BI, Dressed, Toronto	Cwt.	13,240	15,160	16,630	16.860	16.910
BEEF HIDES, Packer Hides Native Steers, Toronto	Lb.	.149	.150	.150	.150	.150
LEATHER, Packer crops, No. I and II f.o.b. Distributing points	Lb.	.474	.480	.480	.480	.480
BOX SIDES D, f.o.b. Ont. factory	Ft.	.225	.240	.240	.240	.240
BUTTER, Creamery prints, first grade Montreal	Lb.	.348	.359	.379	.369	.369
CHEESE, Canada, old large, Montreal	Lb.	.271	.340	.328	.320	.313
EGGS, Grade "A" large, Montreal	Doz.	.346	.360	.499	.414	.403
COTTON YARNS, 10's white single Hosiery cops, Mill	Lb.	.344	.315	.293	.293	.293
WOOL, eastern bright ¼ blood domestic, f.o.b. Ontario	Lb.	.310	.310	.310	.310	.310
WOOL, western range, semi-bright ½ blood, domestic, f.o.b. Ontario	Lb.	.263	.260	.260	.260	.260
(A) Pulp, groundwood, No. 1 delivered, Eastern Continental Divide	Ton	44.000	49.500	50.600	50.600	50.600
STEEL, Merchant bars, mild Mill	100 lbs.	2,686	2.754	2,754	2,754	2.754
PIG IRON, foundry No. 1 f.o.b. plant	Gross Ton	25,500	25.500	25.500	25.500	25.500
COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic Montreal	Cwt.	11.500	11.500	11.500	11.500	11.500
LEAD, domestic, f.o.b. carlots Montreal	Cwt.	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000
TIN INGOTS, Straits, f.o.b. Toronto	Lb.	.618	.620	.620	.620	.620
ZINC, domestic, f.o.b. carlots Montreal	Cwt.	5.150	5.150	5.150	5.150	5.150
COAL, Anthracite, Toronto f.o.b. carlots	Ton	12.138	12.499	12.553	13.224	13.224
COAL, Bituminous, N.S. run-of-mine	Ton	5,650	5,700	5,700	5,700	5.700
(B) GASOLINE, Standard Toronto	Gal.	.193	.215	.215	.215	.215
SULPHURIC ACID 66° Baume f.o.b. works	Net Ton	17.250	18.000	18.000	18.000	18.000

(A) Groundwood Pulp delivered to consumers' Mills, east of Continental Divide, (exclusive of Denver).
(B) 1942-1943 Federal Tax Included.

PRICE INDEX NUMBER SYNOPSIS

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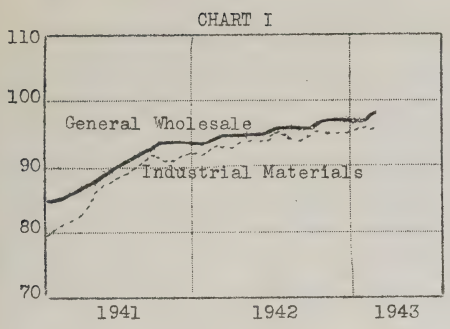

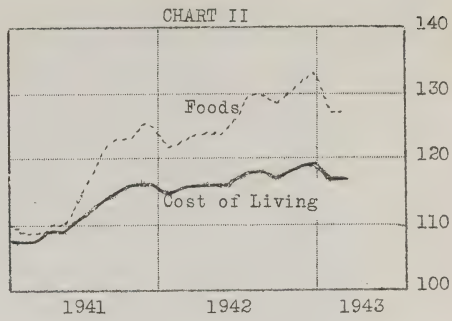

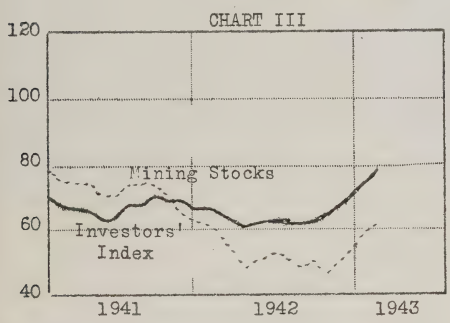

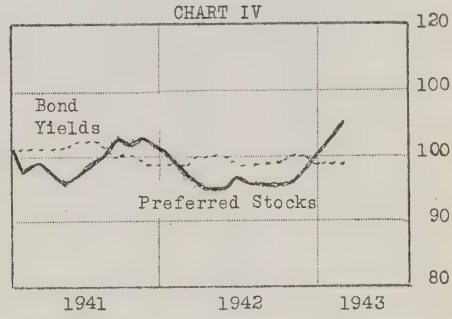

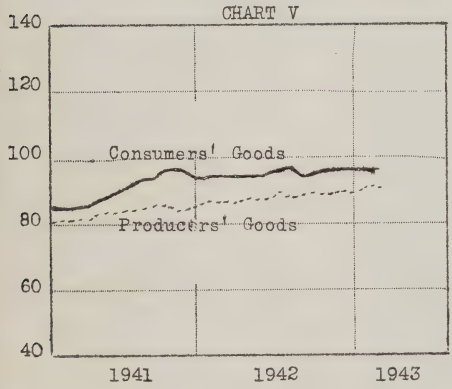

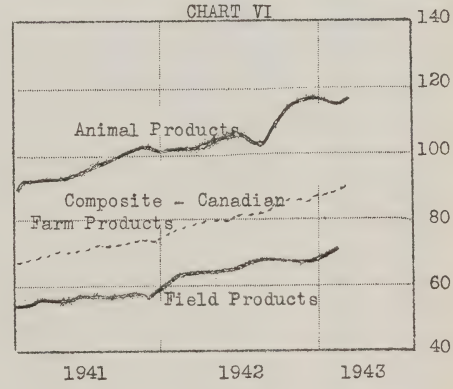

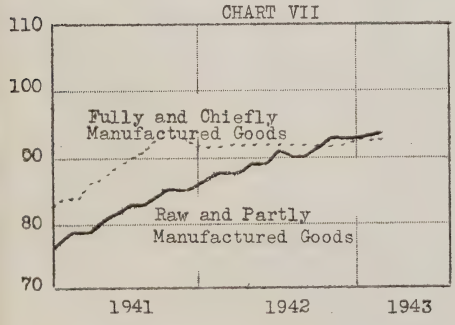

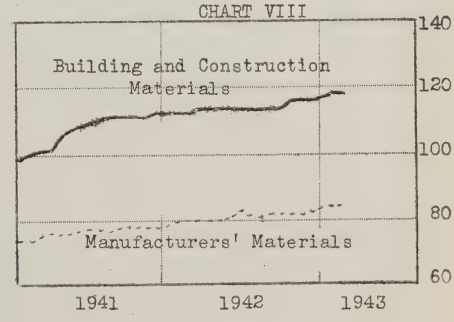

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS IN CANADA, 1913-FEBRUARY 1, 1943
(1935-39-100)

	Total Index	Food Index	Rent Index	Fuel and Lighting Index	Clothing Index	Home Furnishings and Miscellaneous Index	Retail Prices Index (Commodities only)
1913	79.1	89.1	74.3	77.1	87.4	69.6	-
1914	79.7	92.2	72.1	75.1	88.3	69.6	-
1915	80.7	93.7	69.8	73.8	96.4	70.0	-
1916	87.0	103.9	70.6	75.4	109.8	74.1	-
1917	102.4	134.3	75.8	83.8	129.1	80.7	-
1918	115.6	154.2	80.0	92.6	151.0	90.3	-
1919	126.5	164.8	87.3	100.7	173.6	100.0	-
1920	145.4	189.5	100.1	120.2	211.9	109.3	-
1921	129.9	145.5	109.4	128.1	172.0	111.4	-
1922	120.4	123.3	114.0	122.7	145.7	111.4	-
1923	120.7	124.1	116.9	122.5	143.8	110.7	-
1924	118.8	121.6	117.4	118.9	140.8	108.6	-
1925	119.8	127.2	117.4	116.8	140.3	106.5	-
1926	121.8	133.3	115.9	116.8	139.1	106.1	-
1927	119.9	130.8	114.5	114.4	135.6	105.1	-
1928	120.5	131.5	117.3	113.2	135.5	104.8	-
1929	121.7	134.7	119.7	112.6	134.8	105.0	-
1930	120.8	131.5	122.7	111.8	130.6	105.4	-
1931	109.1	103.1	119.4	110.0	114.3	103.3	-
1932	99.0	85.7	109.7	106.8	100.6	100.4	-
1933	94.4	84.9	98.6	102.5	93.3	98.2	-
1934	95.6	92.7	93.2	102.1	97.1	97.8	-

	Percentage Increase Since August 1, 1939						Home Furnishings and Services Index	Miscellaneous Index	
1935		96.2	94.6	94.0	100.9	97.6	95.4	98.7	95.9
1936		98.1	97.8	96.1	101.5	99.3	97.2	99.1	98.1
1937		101.2	103.2	99.7	98.9	101.4	101.5	100.1	102.0
1938		102.2	103.8	103.1	97.7	100.9	102.4	101.2	102.8
1939		101.5	100.6	103.8	101.2	100.7	101.4	101.4	101.0
1940		105.6	105.6	106.3	107.1	109.2	107.2	102.3	106.6
1941	10.8	111.7	116.1	109.4	110.3	116.1	113.8	105.1	114.9
1942	16.1	117.0	127.2	111.3	112.8	120.0	117.9	107.1	122.4
1939 Aug.1	-	100.8	99.3	103.8	99.0	100.1	100.9	101.3	100.0
Nov.1	15.4	116.3	125.4	111.2	112.7	120.0	117.9	106.7	121.4
Dec.1	14.9	115.8	123.8	111.2	112.7	119.9	117.9	106.7	120.6
1942 Jan.2	14.5	115.4	122.3	111.2	112.9	119.9	118.0	106.8	119.9
Feb.2	14.8	115.7	123.1	111.2	112.9	119.8	118.0	107.1	120.3
Mar.2	15.0	115.9	123.7	111.2	112.9	119.8	118.0	107.1	120.6
Apr.1	15.0	115.9	123.7	111.2	112.9	119.8	118.1	107.1	120.6
May 1	15.2	116.1	124.3	111.3	112.9	119.9	118.0	107.1	120.9
June1	15.8	116.7	126.2	111.3	112.6	119.9	117.9	107.1	121.8
July2	17.0	117.9	130.3	111.3	112.5	120.0	117.9	107.1	123.9
Aug.1	16.8	117.7	129.6	111.3	112.5	120.1	117.8	107.1	123.5
Sept1	16.5	117.4	128.5	111.3	112.5	120.1	117.8	107.1	123.0
Oct.1	16.9	117.8	129.8	111.3	112.8	120.1	117.8	107.1	123.7
Nov.2	17.7	118.6	132.4	111.3	112.8	120.1	117.8	107.1	125.0
Dec.1	17.9	118.8	132.8	111.3	112.8	120.2	117.8	107.2	125.2
1943 Jan.2	16.2	117.1	127.3	111.3	112.8	120.2	117.8	107.5	122.5
Feb.1	16.0	116.9	126.7	111.3	112.7	120.1	117.8	107.5	122.2

By Order-in-Council P.C. 6219 as amended, prices of cigarettes and tobacco used in the index for purposes of computing cost-of-living bonuses do not include the tax imposed on June 24, 1942, by the Special War Revenue Act. Since indirect taxes of this kind previously have been included in the index, a February figure reflecting the new tax has been computed to maintain continuity with preceding calculations. This index is 117.2

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS IN EIGHT REGIONAL CITIES
(August 1939=100)

	Halifax	Saint John	Montreal	Toronto	Winnipeg	Saskatoon	Edmonton	Vancouver
			General Cost of Living					
1941								
November	113.7	114.6	117.2	115.0	113.1	116.4	111.6	112.9
1942								
August	115.8	117.2	118.7	116.2	115.0	117.5	114.1	115.0
October	115.5	116.6	119.4	116.3	114.5	117.0	113.6	115.4
December	116.2	117.3	120.3	116.8	115.6	118.5	115.0	116.8
1943								
February	114.7	115.9	118.8	115.3	114.1	116.7	113.5	114.7
			Foods					
1941								
November	128.1	122.7	127.9	125.5	123.9	127.0	121.9	125.6
1942								
August	135.1	130.1	132.3	129.0	129.9	130.7	130.2	131.9
October	133.5	128.3	134.0	129.5	128.5	129.1	128.2	133.1
December	136.2	130.5	136.9	131.3	132.0	134.3	133.2	137.5
1943								
February	130.8	124.6	132.0	126.1	126.8	127.8	126.2	129.4
			Rent					
1941								
November	104.2	107.3	108.3	108.5	104.4	113.1	100.0	99.4
1942								
August	104.2	107.3	108.3	108.5	104.4	113.1	100.0	99.4
October	104.8	107.3	108.3	108.5	104.4	113.1	100.0	99.4
December	104.8	107.3	108.3	108.5	104.4	113.1	100.0	99.4
1943								
February	104.8	107.3	108.3	108.5	104.4	113.1	100.0	99.4
			Fuel and Lighting					
1941								
November	105.9	109.5	116.3	117.7	107.1	107.0	99.4	111.5
1942								
August	105.9	109.5	114.8	117.7	107.1	107.0	99.4	111.5
October	105.9	109.5	116.3	117.7	107.1	107.0	99.4	111.5
December	104.4	109.5	116.3	117.7	107.1	107.0	99.4	111.5
1943								
February	104.4	109.5	116.3	117.7	107.1	107.0	99.4	111.5
			Clothing					
1941								
November	116.5	121.2	123.1	117.3	117.5	119.9	122.9	118.8
1942								
August	116.3	120.9	123.2	117.5	116.8	119.3	123.2	119.8
October	116.6	121.2	123.2	117.5	117.0	119.2	123.3	119.8
December	116.8	121.2	123.2	117.5	117.0	119.3	123.3	119.8
1943								
February	116.9	121.5	123.2	117.4	117.1	119.4	123.3	119.9
			Home Furnishings and Services					
1941								
November	114.7	116.1	117.7	114.2	115.2	120.2	117.1	113.0
1942								
August	114.7	116.0	117.6	114.1	115.7	119.7	117.1	113.0
October	114.7	116.0	117.6	113.8	115.8	119.7	117.1	112.9
December	114.7	116.0	117.6	113.9	115.7	119.6	117.1	113.0
1943								
February	114.7	116.0	117.6	113.9	115.8	119.7	117.1	113.0
			Miscellaneous					
1941								
November	105.3	106.9	104.5	106.8	105.3	104.6	104.6	104.9
1942								
August	105.7	107.7	105.1	107.3	105.6	105.1	104.9	105.3
October	105.7	107.7	105.1	107.3	105.6	105.1	104.9	105.3
December	105.7	107.6	105.1	107.3	105.6	105.1	104.9	105.3
1943								
February	106.0	109.9	105.7	107.4	105.7	105.7	106.7	107.2

CITY COST OF LIVING INDEX NUMBERS, FEBRUARY 1, 1943

February 1st cost-of-living indexes for eight regional cities were all lower than December levels by amounts ranging from 1.4 to 2.1 points. Decreases varying from 3.6 per cent for Montreal to 5.9 per cent for Vancouver occurred in the foods indexes. Increased health costs, a slight advance in life insurance and higher rates for newspapers in St. John, Edmonton and Vancouver were responsible mainly for a general rise in miscellaneous items ranging between 0.1 points for Toronto and Winnipeg and 2.3 points for St. John. In the clothing group five slight increases and one small decline were noted, while home furnishings and services recorded two fractional increases.

INVESTORS' MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCKS

(1935-39=100)

	GENERAL	INDUSTRIALS											UTILITIES				BANKS
Number of Securities 1943	Total	Total	Machinery and Equipment	Pulp and Paper	Milling	Oils	Textiles and Clothing	Food and Allied Products	Beverages	Building Materials	Industrial Mines	Total	Transportation	Telephone Telegraph	Power and Traction	Total
	95	68	8	7	3	4	10	12	7	15	2	19	2	2	15	8
1940 - September ..	75.8	73.1	85.5	82.1	95.5	60.7	121.4	101.6	99.5	87.0	77.4	78.0	60.1	99.5	77.2	92.9
October	74.2	71.3	84.0	80.1	93.5	56.2	120.8	101.4	99.5	88.9	77.7	77.0	55.4	100.2	76.9	91.9
November ...	74.5	71.3	86.0	82.6	81.4	54.5	121.5	100.7	105.8	91.2	77.8	78.2	62.2	101.4	76.2	92.7
December ...	70.3	65.9	78.6	76.7	75.2	48.7	116.8	99.6	106.5	87.6	71.4	76.4	55.8	101.3	75.6	94.6
1941- January.....	71.3	66.9	77.6	74.1	72.3	51.6	110.6	96.8	104.3	84.0	73.2	77.3	60.9	101.2	75.4	94.7
February ...	66.5	62.3	72.9	63.8	69.5	48.7	105.0	90.1	96.6	77.3	67.3	71.3	51.6	100.2	68.8	90.9
March	66.8	63.1	73.6	65.4	69.5	49.5	103.1	87.9	93.7	78.5	69.0	70.7	55.7	99.2	67.0	89.9
April	65.8	62.3	73.2	63.9	68.6	49.4	101.3	88.6	88.1	77.8	67.8	68.2	57.3	97.8	62.2	89.7
May	63.9	60.7	71.8	59.7	63.4	51.3	97.4	88.6	82.8	74.4	62.6	65.2	54.8	91.6	60.3	88.3
June	64.0	60.3	72.0	59.5	67.5	48.0	101.1	90.1	87.3	74.9	64.2	67.1	58.9	92.0	62.0	89.0
July	67.5	64.0	76.3	66.1	67.5	48.4	105.7	90.5	94.3	77.8	72.3	70.6	65.8	93.0	65.3	89.7
August	67.8	64.4	76.8	70.2	72.4	49.1	106.3	91.8	95.7	79.7	71.5	71.2	70.0	94.6	64.4	89.7
September ..	71.0	67.5	80.5	78.5	75.1	51.3	108.4	93.3	102.4	82.4	75.8	74.7	70.3	98.6	68.8	91.2
October	69.1	65.5	78.3	75.5	74.5	51.2	105.7	91.9	98.7	78.9	71.7	72.5	65.7	96.8	67.2	90.8
November ...	68.8	65.3	78.2	76.4	74.9	52.9	110.0	91.0	102.6	77.8	68.9	71.1	65.2	95.3	65.5	91.7
December ...	67.2	63.9	75.5	72.9	72.2	49.0	110.4	91.4	104.8	75.5	69.7	68.7	60.4	95.9	63.0	90.5
1942- January	66.8	62.9	74.3	71.9	74.5	45.9	112.8	88.7	99.2	75.1	71.9	70.4	64.5	95.5	64.4	91.1
February ...	64.7	60.8	73.4	69.3	69.7	43.6	108.7	85.5	96.3	73.9	70.1	67.7	60.5	93.5	62.1	91.1
March	62.3	57.8	69.7	66.1	70.9	41.2	104.3	75.8	92.8	74.0	67.3	67.5	59.4	93.5	62.0	89.4
April	61.1	56.6	70.6	63.2	69.6	41.4	102.4	74.2	93.1	73.9	64.2	66.3	60.6	91.9	60.2	88.4
May	62.0	57.9	74.7	61.1	70.5	43.2	104.3	73.5	94.2	75.7	65.2	66.4	59.6	92.0	60.7	87.4
June	62.8	58.4	76.2	61.1	69.6	44.5	106.6	73.9	93.6	76.8	64.9	68.1	56.6	92.3	64.3	87.7
July	62.4	58.6	76.6	58.9	65.3	46.6	100.4	75.9	95.5	75.3	62.7	67.8	58.4	86.5	65.2	81.7
August	61.6	58.5	76.0	56.0	61.2	47.5	97.7	75.3	98.3	73.1	61.9	67.8	58.8	80.8	66.9	71.9
September ..	62.6	59.8	77.9	55.9	62.0	49.0	99.8	74.2	98.7	71.2	64.1	69.2	62.5	83.4	67.1	69.0
October	65.0	62.2	80.3	57.8	64.9	51.0	99.6	74.0	98.9	70.8	68.4	72.0	73.4	83.9	67.9	70.3
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1943 - January	76.3	72.1	90.3	75.3	82.4	62.9	114.3	88.2	109.7	84.0	74.3	90.0	92.1	93.3	88.5	76.7
February ...	78.7	75.6	94.0	75.8	88.3	67.2	117.4	88.1	111.8	85.0	78.6	88.0	84.7	92.2	88.0	78.6

INDEX NUMBERS OF TWENTY-FIVE MINING STOCKS
(1935-39=100)

No. of Stocks 1943	Golds 22	Base Metals 3	Total Index 25
1941 - January	74.4	89.2	79.4
February	70.6	83.2	74.9
March	70.0	84.7	75.1
April	69.0	87.6	75.1
May	66.1	81.2	71.2
June	64.4	83.9	71.0
July	66.2	91.3	74.6
August	66.0	91.7	74.6
September	66.0	94.0	75.4
October	60.8	87.4	69.7
November	54.9	83.0	65.0
December	52.2	84.8	63.2
1942 - January	50.5	84.3	61.9
February	45.4	81.5	57.5
March	40.1	75.3	51.9
April	37.5	72.8	49.3
May	39.6	75.8	51.7
June	42.6	74.3	53.2
July	39.3	73.3	50.6
August	38.0	72.3	49.4
September	38.4	72.1	49.7
October	33.3	71.8	46.2
November	40.7	73.2	51.6
December	44.7	74.4	54.7
1943 - January	50.1	79.4	60.0
February	52.0	80.3	61.5
Weekly Index Numbers			
Week ending Jan. 7th.	48.2	77.4	58.0
Week ending " 14th	50.4	80.3	60.4
Week ending " 21st	50.6	80.1	60.5
Week ending " 28th	51.3	79.7	60.9
Week ending Feb. 4th	51.3	79.9	60.9
Week ending " 11th	52.0	81.7	62.0
Week ending " 18th	51.4	80.2	61.1
Week ending " 25th	53.1	79.4	62.0
Week ending March 4th	54.3	79.5	62.9

MONTHLY INDEXES OF AMERICAN STOCK PRICES, 1942-1943.
(Issued by Standard and Poor's Trade Securities)
(1935-1939=100)

	Composite	Industrials	Railroads	Utilities
1942 - February	69.9	71.0	68.4	64.5
March	66.0	67.2	65.0	60.5
April	63.3	64.8	61.1	56.5
May	63.2	64.7	60.3	57.2
June	66.1	68.2	59.0	58.8
July	68.2	70.6	62.9	58.4
August	68.3	70.5	65.4	58.8
September	69.4	71.6	66.7	59.5
October	74.2	76.5	72.7	63.7
November	75.2	77.2	73.0	66.2
December	75.9	78.5	69.3	65.2
1943 - January	79.7	82.3	73.7	69.3
February (2nd week)	84.3	87.4	76.0	71.9

Indexes available to 1871.

MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELDS[x], 1937-1943

(1935-1939 = 100)

	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
January	95.2	102.2	97.3	109.3	100.6	99.4	98.8
February	100.1	100.8	97.2	107.2	100.8	99.3	98.5
March	106.4	100.3	95.4	107.9	100.5	99.6	-
April	107.2	97.4	96.3	105.5	100.6	99.6	-
May	106.4	96.2	97.8	104.5	101.1	99.5	-
June	105.6	98.0	95.7	107.8	101.9	98.8	-
July	104.4	98.7	96.0	107.0	101.5	98.7	-
August	102.9	98.6	98.6	104.3	101.2	99.0	-
September	103.2	101.9	117.0	103.1	100.3	99.4	-
October	106.2	99.3	111.9	102.6	100.2	99.6	-
November	105.7	97.4	108.4	101.9	99.1	99.6	-
December	102.9	97.2	110.5	101.0	99.3	99.4	-

WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BONDS, 1942-1943

	Yields		Yields		Yields
December 2	99.6	January 6	99.3	February 3	98.6
" 9	99.3	" 13	99.0	" 10	98.6
" 16	99.3	" 20	98.6	" 17	98.3
" 23	99.3	" 27	98.3	" 24	98.3
" 30	99.3				

INDEX NUMBERS OF 30 PREFERRED STOCK PRICES, 1936-1943

(1935-1939 = 100)

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1936	90.3	93.1	92.0	91.7	90.0	91.9	95.9	97.2	101.1	104.7	109.9	113.3
1937	119.7	121.1	123.8	124.4	120.9	119.8	119.9	122.4	109.8	99.2	98.9	97.7
1938	100.6	99.0	93.5	94.3	96.6	98.7	105.2	104.7	98.1	106.2	105.5	104.8
1939	102.5	101.8	101.2	95.2	95.3	98.8	100.1	97.7	100.5	107.4	108.7	110.1
1940	110.7	109.7	108.8	108.9	96.7	86.9	89.0	93.9	99.1	100.7	103.0	101.7
1941	101.4	97.6	98.7	97.9	96.3	96.8	98.5	100.0	103.2	102.2	102.6	100.7
1942	99.6	96.8	95.6	94.5	95.4	96.5	95.7	95.8	95.6	96.2	97.5	100.4
1943	102.7	105.5										

EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS AT MONTREAL, AUGUST 1939 AND 1940-1943

Note: The noon rates in Canadian Funds upon which these averages are based have been supplied by the Bank of Canada.

	New York Funds	London Sterling	(A) Argentine Peso (Paper)	(A) Brazil Milreis	India Rupee
	$	$	$	$	$
1939 - August	1.0047	4.6327	.2321	.0504	.3346
1940	+1.0050	+4.450	.2539	.0557	.3359
1941	1.1050	4.450	.2621	.0563	.3356
1942 - August	1.1050	4.450	.2636	.0571	.3359
September	1.1050	4.450	.2631	.0571	.3359
Octoberr.....	1.1050	4.450	.2632	.0572	.3359
November	1.1050	4.450	.2626	.0572	.3359
December	1.1050	4.450	.2621	.0572	.3359
1943 - January	1.1050	4.450	.2613	.0570	.3359
February	1.1050	4.450	.2621	.0569	.3359

\+ Since September 16, 1939, quotations used are the average of the daily buying and selling rates set by the Foreign Exchange Control Board. The current buying and selling rate for sterling is $4.43 and $4.47 and U.S. funds $1.10 and $1.11.

(A) Unofficial.

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(APPENDIX - PRICES AND PRICE INDEXES, FEBRUARY, 1943.)

REVISED EXPLANATION AND DESCRIPTION OF THE DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS COST OF LIVING INDEX

INTRODUCTORY NOTE:

This memorandum describing the official cost-of-living index replaces the original statement, the supply of which has been exhausted. The present memo gives more attention to interpretation, and notes several minor adjustments in weights which have been made in accordance with the Bureau's practice of keeping the index in line with major changes in consumption

PURPOSE:

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index measures the influence of changes in retail prices of commodities and services upon the cost of a representative urban wage-earner family budget. The index is specified by Order-in-Council P.C. 5963 as the basis for cost-of-living bonus adjustments authorized under the terms of this order.

INTERPRETATION:

It should be clearly understood that the index is a measurement of price change Many people use the term "living costs" to indicate the total cost of things they buy. Used in this sense, "living costs" may include different things from month to month and year to year, and likewise different amounts and qualities of the same things. A cost-of-living index based upon this idea would simply reflect the value of total purchases made by everyone. In normal times it would move closely in line with estimates of national income. The Bureau's index is based upon a quite different idea. It measures changes in the cost of a family budget which includes the same amounts of the same commodities and services for considerable periods of time; it is revised only to take account of important "long-run" changes in consumption. It is, therefore, essentially an index which measures changes in prices.

Each index is a percentage which shows the relationship between the dollar value of the index budget for a specified period, and the corresponding dollar value of the same budget in a reference period. The Bureau's standard reference period includes the five years 1935 to 1939. The average value of the index budget for this period is represented by 100.0. The value of the same budget in August, 1939 was 100.8 per cent of the reference budget, and the corresponding value for December, 1942 was 118.8 per cent. These figures become the cost-of-living index numbers for August, 1939 and December, 1942.

Because August, 1939, the last pre-war month, provides the basis for cost-of-living bonus adjustments, it is frequently used as a reference period. The procedure in this case is essentially the same as that described above. The value of the index budget in August, 1939 is considered as 100.0.. and budget values for other months are computed as percentages of the August, 1939 value. The December, 1942 index then becomes 117.9. Indexes related to the August, 1939 budget value have become widely known as the "adjusted" indexes. They may be computed by dividing the original August, 1939 index of 100.8 into the comparable index for any other period, e.g., the December, 1942 index of 118.8 divided by 100.8 gives 117.9

THE INDEX BUDGET:

A complete list of items in the cost-of-living budget, together with percentages indicating the relative importance of individual items and groups of items is listed below. The basis upon which this list was selected has been described in detail in an earlier release "Living Costs in Canada, 1940". The index budget represents annual purchases reported by a group of 1,439 typical wage-earner families in the following cities. Charlottetown, Halifax, Saint John, Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, London, Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Edmonton and Vancouver. These expenditures covered the year ending September, 1938.

The survey families averaged 4.6 persons and the majority had two or three children. Family earnings in many cases were supplemented by other minor sources of income; total incomes for these families were heavily concentrated between $1,200 and $1,600. They ranged, however, from as low as $600 up to about $2,800 per annum. There were approximately two tenant families to every one home-owning family, and about one family in three operated a motor car. The general distribution of living expenditures for these families which represented all the principal racial groups in Canada was as follows:

Urban Wage-Earner Family Annual Living Expenditures
(Year ending September 30, 1938)

Budget Group	Expenditure Averages		Percentage Distribution	
Food	$ 443.0		31.3	
Shelter	269.5		19.1	
Fuel and Light	90.5		6.4	
Clothing	165.8		11.7	
Home Furnishings	125.7		8.9	
Miscellaneous	319.4		22.6	
Health		(60.8		(4.3
Personal Care		(23.9		(1.7
Transportation		(79.3		(5.6
Recreation		(82.1		(5.8
Life Insurance		(73.3		(5.2
TOTAL	1,413.9*		100.0	

* Directly represented in the index. Other miscellaneous outlay brought the total family living expenditure to $1,453.8.

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COMMENTS ON GROUP INDEX NUMBERS

The index budget is divided into six expenditure groups for which separate indexes are calculated: these are foods, fuel and light, rent, clothing, homefurnishings and services, and miscellaneous items. Each group contains a list of items sufficiently large to make it representative of the merchandise field covered. It would be possible to add many more minor items without affecting the movements of the composite cost-of-living index by any significant amount. These additions would lengthen the time required to calculate the index and impose a greater burden upon firms making price reports, without making a corresponding improvement in the accuracy of the index. In many cases, accuracy might be reduced as comparisons on a quality, or specific quantity basis are not possible over a long period. This would be true of style merchandise such as women's hats, and also for fresh vegetables, which are frequently sold in bunches. The cost of all these omitted items is included in group weights, which represent all expenditures falling within the six groups noted above. The base period food weight of 31 per cent, for example, was reckoned from total food costs reported by survey families, although the food index includes only 45 items which represent about 75 per cent of a representative family's food expenditure.

FOODS: Prices used in calculating food indexes are collected on the first business day of each month from approximately 1,600 stores including independent and chain grocers and butchers. Quotations for each of the 45 budget items are averaged and then multiplied by the budget quantity for each individual item to find the cost for that item. These individual cost figures are added together to find the total cost of the food budget; this figure is then expressed as a percentage of the corresponding reference period cost to find the food index.

FUEL AND LIGHT: From January, 1943, the fuel and light index has been based upon changes in prices for coal and domestic rates for electricity and gas. Coke prices formerly were included for Quebec and Ontario cities. Separate indexes are calculated for coal, gas and electricity. The two last mentioned are reckoned from monthly bills for quantities which are typical of consumption in the cities represented. The bill for each city is weighted by the number of domestic consumers in order to calculate Dominion indexes. The coal index also takes

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COMMENTS ON GROUP INDEX NUMBERS

The index budget is divided into six expenditure groups for which separate indexes are calculated: these are foods, fuel and light, rent, clothing, homefurnishings and services, and miscellaneous items. Each group contains a list of items sufficiently large to make it representative of the merchandise field covered. It would be possible to add many more minor items without affecting the movements of the composite cost-of-living index by any significant amount. These additions would lengthen the time required to calculate the index and impose a greater burden upon firms making price reports, without making a corresponding improvement in the accuracy of the index. In many cases, accuracy might be reduced as comparisons on a quality, or specific quantity basis are not possible over a long period. This would be true of style merchandise such as women's hats, and also for fresh vegetables, which are frequently sold in bunches. The cost of all these omitted items is included in group weights, which represent all expenditures falling within the six groups noted above. The base period food weight of 31 per cent, for example, was reckoned from total food costs reported by survey families, although the food index includes only 45 items which represent about 75 per cent of a representative family's food expenditure.

FOODS: Prices used in calculating food indexes are collected on the first business day of each month from approximately 1,600 stores including independent and chain grocers and butchers. Quotations for each of the 45 budget items are averaged and then multiplied by the budget quantity for each individual item to find the cost for that item. These individual cost figures are added together to find the total cost of the food budget; this figure is then expressed as a percentage of the corresponding reference period cost to find the food index.

FUEL AND LIGHT: From January, 1943, the fuel and light index has been based upon changes in prices for coal and domestic rates for electricity and gas. Coke prices formerly were included for Quebec and Ontario cities. Separate indexes are calculated for coal, gas and electricity. The two last mentioned are reckoned from monthly bills for quantities which are typical of consumption in the cities represented. The bill for each city is weighted by the number of domestic consumers in order to calculate Dominion indexes. The coal index also takes

account of typical amounts consumed in different areas and of the population of each city represented in the index. Price changes for coal are related to kinds most used in each area.

RENTS: There are two tenant wage-earner families for every home-owning wage-earner family in Canada, and the cost-of-living index is calculated on the assumption that housing costs generally are reflected in rental trends. Rental surveys are made by the Bureau at the May and October leasing periods. Rental agents are asked to report upon the current position of rents relative to those at the preceding lease date, as indicated by their list of rental properties. In the workmen's group of dwellings, upon which the rental index is based, records are collected for houses, flats and apartments. Before reporting blanks are sent out, rent data and property descriptions reported by each agent for the last period are copied onto the new schedule in order to maintain continuity from period to period. The calculation of the rent index is similar to that for the fuel and light series, with two subgroup indexes being reckoned first for houses, and flats and apartments. Very complete weighting data have been used, recognizing the different numbers of each type of dwelling in various centres Approximately 200 reports from 61 cities are used in making rental indexes.

CLOTHING: The clothing index has been based upon a carefully selected list of men's and women's apparel. It includes no children's clothing, and omits some items of adult clothing which are of considerable importance, such as women's dresses for afternoon and evening wear, women's hats, men's hats and gloves. Unusual difficulties in maintaining continuous price series on the same quality of goods occur in clothing due to style and seasonal changes which must be excluded from price comparisons based upon quality. The items in the clothing index have been selected to represent the basic materials entering into clothing in approximately the same proportions as they would be found in a complete clothing budget. Some of the items chosen to represent basic materials form a comparatively small portion of a complete budget, but are useful in measuring clothing price trends because of their standard construction. Women's woollen hose afford an example of such items. The index contains 31 items of clothing, piece goods and footwear, and price series for these have been examined individually over a period of years to test their reliability. Most apparel is composed of five basic materials, cotton, wool, artificial silk, leather, and rubber. The Bureau has reduced its clothing list on the assumption that 31 accurate price series will measure the trend of clothing prices better than a large list including items which fluctuate widely in price due to style and seasonal factors. Department stores are the source of Bureau clothing prices. These distributors handle approximately one-third of the Dominion's clothing trade, and make monthly price returns to the Bureau, especially designed for the cost-of-living index.

HOMEFURNISHINGS AND SERVICES: The homefurnishings and services index is a composite of eight sub-groups, including two sets of service costs in addition to actual furnishings. The eight sub-groups are: furniture, floor coverings, textile furnishings, hardware, dishes and glassware, cleaning supplies, laundry and telephone. The complete group accounted for 9 per cent of the base period index budget cost, placing it next to clothing in importance. It approximates clothing also in many details of construction. The data for furniture, floor coverings, textile furnishings, hardware, dishes and glassware are obtained from department stores and the same principle of the representation of basic materials by a comparatively small number of items is used. There are 7 items of furniture, 3 of floor coverings, 4 of textile furnishings, 4 of hardware, 2 of dishes and glassware, 4 of cleaning supplies, 3 laundry rates and one type of telephone service.

MISCELLANEOUS: Five sub-groups, health maintenance, personal care, transportation, recreation and life insurance comprise the miscellaneous index. This list does not exhaust all remaining family living expenditures, but most of those which are left such as church contributions, the support of dependents, bank savings, etc., cannot be treated in the same way as items which are bought and sold. The index takes no account of these items which amounted to only 3 per cent of average wage-earner family living expenditures reported in the Bureau's 1938 survey.

The health section is based upon prices for 6 items of household medical supplies, 2 kinds of hospital service, 3 types of doctors' fees, and rates for 6 types of dental service. In view of the stability of fees for doctors, dentists and hospitals, these records are collected only at annual intervals, while medical supplies are priced quarterly. Records for practically all miscellaneous sub-indexes are collected from 23 of the larger cities, chosen to give adequate regional representation.

Personal care costs are represented by 7 items of toilet requirements plus fees for men's haircuts and shaves.

Three kinds of transportation are represented in the transportation sub-group: motor car, street car and railway. The two latter present no special problems, but motor car operating costs are more difficult to measure. The Bureau's record is based upon service station prices of gasolene, license fees, and wage rates for garage mechanics. It is assumed that depreciation is 37 per cent of operating costs, and that for car owners as a group it remains constant from year to year.

The recreation section includes records of motion picture theatre admissions, and newspaper, magazine and tobacco costs.

The life insurance index is based upon premiums for ordinary non-participating life policies, since these appear to give the closest possible approximation to the cost of pure risk. Averages of premiums for ages 20, 35 and 50 years have been used covering the records of 11 large companies.

THE COST-OF-LIVING INDEX WEIGHTING SYSTEM

There are two stages in the calculation of each of the six principal group indexes from which the composite number is calculated. In the first stage, the general procedure is to multiply current price averages by budget quantities. These products are added together and the resultant aggregate divided by a corresponding base period aggregate. The resultant number is multiplied by 100.0 to secure a sub-group index for the current period. This index is then multiplied by a sub-group weight indicative of the cost of goods in this sub-group relative to all goods in the group. When all sub-groups have been weighted similarly, the group index is found by adding up this second set of products and dividing by 100.0. This routine is repeated to secure the final composite cost-of-living index. The second and third stages of weighting are made necessary by the fact that it is not feasible to include all items in the family budget.

The complete list of items and weights is shown following:

WEIGHTING SYSTEM OF THE DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS COST-OF-LIVING INDEX

	Commodity Weights (Weekly Quantities)	Cost of Food Items as a Percentage of Total Food Budget January, 1943	Sub-Group Weight	Group Weight
A. FOOD				31
1. CHAIN STORES			1	
2. INDEPENDENT STORES			2	
Dairy Products				
Milk	10.5 qts.	12.3		
Butter	2.8 lbs.	12.2		
Cheese	.4 "	1.5		
Eggs	1.4 doz.	7.9		
Meats and Fish				
Sirloin Steak	.5 lbs.	2.1		
Round Steak	.9 "	3.7		
Rolled Rib Roast	.7 "	2.8		
Blade Roast	1.1 "	3.1		
Stewing Beef	1.0 "	2.6		
Veal	1.0 "	3.0		
Lamb	.3 "	1.2		
Pork, fresh loins	1.5 "	5.9		
Pork, fresh shoulder	1.0 "	3.0		
Bacon	.7 "	3.6		
Canned Salmon, 1lb.tin	.2 tins	0.5		
Finnan Haddie	.1 lbs.	0.3		
Vegetable Shortening	.8 "	1.7		
Lard	.2 "	0.4		
Cereals				
Bread	12.1 lbs.	8.8		
Flour	2.9 "	1.3		
Rice	.3	0.4		
Rolled Oats	.5	0.3		
Corn Flakes, 8-oz.pkg.	1.3 pkgs.	1.3		
Dry Groceries				
Granulated Sugar	3.0 lbs.	2.9		
Yellow Sugar	.5 "	0.5		
Tea	.2 "	1.7		
Coffee	.2 "	1.0		
Cocoa, ½-lb.tin	.2 tins	0.4		
Salt	.5 lbs.	0.2		
Vegetables				
Beans	.2 lbs.	0.1		
Onions	.8 "	0.4		

	Commodity Weights (Weekly Quantities)	Cost of Food Items as a Percentage of Total Food Budget January, 1943	Sub-Group Weight	Group Weight
A. FOOD - Concl'd				
Vegetables - Concl'd				
Potatoes	.8 pecks	3.7		
Canned Tomatoes, 2½'s	.6 tins	0.9		
Canned Peas, 20 oz.	.6 "	0.9		
Canned Corn, 20 oz.	.3 "	0.5		
Canned Beans, 16 oz.	.5 "	0.5		
Fruits				
Raisins	.2 lbs.	0.3		
Currants	.1 "	0.2		
Prunes	.1 "	0.1		
Strawberry Jam	.6 "	1.2		
Marmalade	.1 "	0.2		
Canned Peaches, 20 oz.	.1 tins	0.2		
Corn Syrup, 3½-lb. jar	.03 jars	0.7		
Lemons	.1 doz.	0.5		
Oranges	.7 "	3.0		
B. RENTALS				19
Houses			70	
Apartments and Flats			30	
C. FUEL AND LIGHT				6
Coal			53	
Gas			14	
Electricity			33	
D. CLOTHING	(Annual Replacement Allowances)	Cost of Clothing Items as a Percentage of Total Clothing Budget January, 1943		12
Men's Wear			41	
Top Coats	.4	7.6		
Suits	.8	16.6		
Sweaters	.4	1.3		
Overalls	1.0 pair	1.3		
Socks	9.0 pairs	4.6		
Underwear, Athletic	1.5 sets	1.0		
Balbriggan Combinations	1.0 set	.7		
Underwear, winter	1.0 "	2.1		
Pajamas	1.0 pair	1.7		
Shirts, work	1.0	.8		
Shirts, broadcloth	2.5	3.3		
Women's Wear			36	
Top Coats	.5	12.1		
House Dress	1.5	3.4		

	Commodity Weights (Annual Replacement Allowances)	Cost of Clothing Items as a Percentage of Total Clothing Budget January 1943	Sub-Group Weight	Group Weight
D CLOTHING - Concl'd				
Women's Wear, Concl'd				
Slips, rayon	2.5	2.5		
Hosiery, rayon	10.0 pairs	7.2		
Hosiery, woollen	3.0 "	3.1		
Vests, rayon	1.0	.7		
Bloomers, rayon	4.0	2.9		
Bloomers, wool	1.0	1.0		
Nightgown, cotton	.7	.7		
Nightgown, rayon	1.6	2.0		
Smock	.2	.4		
Piece Goods			4	
Cotton Dress Print	3.0 yards	1.4		
Wool	.3 "	.6		
Flannel	.2 "	.3		
Celanese or Rayon Material	.7 "	1.1		
Flannelette	2.0 "	.6		
Footwear			19	
Men's Work Boots	2.0 pairs	5.2		
Men's Oxfords	.7 "	3.7		
Men's Rubbers	3.5 "	2.3		
Women's Shoes	2.0 "	7.8		
		Cost of Homefurnishings Items as a Percentage of Homefurnishings and Services Sub-Group Budgets		
E HOMEFURNISHINGS AND SERVICES				9
Furniture			33	
Dining Room Suite, 9 pc	.06 sets	12.0		
Bedroom Suite, 4 or 5 pc.	.06 "	10.9		
Kitchen Table	.08	.7		
Kitchen Chairs	.20	.4		
Studio Couch	.08	5.5		
Bed Springs	.05	.6		
Mattress	.16	2.9		
Floor Coverings			9	
Axminster Rug, 9'x 12'	.04	4.6		
Congoleum Rug, 9'x 12'	.15	1.9		
Linoleum (square yards)	1.70	2.5		
Furnishings			15	
Sheets, 81"x 100"	1.0	3.5		
Towels, cotton terry, 22"x44"	3.0	4.5		

	Commodity Weights (Annual Replacement Allowances)	Cost of Homefurnishings Items as a Percentage of Homefurnishings and Services Sub-Group Budgets January, 1943	Sub-Group Weight	Group Weight
E. HOMEFURNISHINGS AND SERVICES - Concl'd				
Furnishings - Concl'd				
Blankets, all wool, 6-8 lbs. 72"x 90"	.5	6.6		
Table Oil Cloth	.4 yards	.4		
Hardware			3	
Frying pan, iron	.3	.4		
Saucepan, enamel, 2½ or 3 qts.	.5	.5		
Garbage can, galvanized	.25	.8		
Kitchen Broom	1.0	1.3		
Dishes and Glassware			2	
Set of Dishes	.1	1.6		
Glass Tumblers	2.0	.4		
Cleaning Supplies			17	
Laundry Soap	24 bars	2.5		
Soap Flakes	24 packages	12.1		
Abrasive Cleansers	9 cartons	1.9		
Chloride of Lime	2 packages	.5		
Laundry			6	
Sheets)		2.0		
Towels) Geometric		2.0		
Men's Shirts) Average		2.0		
Telephones			15	

	Cost of Medicine Items as a Percentage of Medicine Budget	Per Cent		
F. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS				23
1. HEALTH			17	
(a) Medicines		23		
Aspirin Tablets, box of 12	15.1			
Epsom Salts, 1 lb.	4.1			
Boracic Acid, 2 ozs.	1.6			
Tincture of Iodine, 1 oz.	7.4			
Zinc Ointment, 1 oz.	5.2			
Cod Liver Oil, large bottle	6.6			

Commodity Weights			Per Cent	Sub-Group Weight	Group Weight
F. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS - Concl'd					
1. HEALTH - Concl'd					
(b) Hospital Charges			17		
Semi-private Room	1				
Public Ward Bed	1				
(c) Doctors' Fees			42		
Office Consultation) Ordinary Day Visit) Ordinary Confinement)	Geometric Average				
(d) Dentists' Fees			18		
Amalgam Filling) Porcelain Filling) Gold Filling) Upper and Lower Dentures) Ordinary Extraction) Prophylaxis)	Geometric Average				
	(Annual Replacement Allowances)	Cost of Individual Items as a Percentage of Personal Cleaning Supplies Budget			
2. PERSONAL CARE				9	
(a) Personal Cleaning Supplies			58		
Talcum Powder, tins	1.3	2.3			
Tooth Paste, tubes	21.7	37.6			
Tooth Brushes	8.7	13.6			
Shaving Sticks	2.2	3.7			
Toilet Soap, bars	52.2	23.6			
Vaseline, jars	1.3	1.0			
Razor Blades, packages of 5	13.1	18.2			
(b) Barbers' Fees			42		
Haircut (Men's)	5				
Shave	2				
3. TRANSPORTATION	(Percentages)			21	
(a) Motor Operating Costs			49		
Gasolene	44				
Repairs and Maintenance	10				

		Per Cent	Sub-Group Weight	Group Weight
3. TRANSPORTATION - Concl'd	(Percentages)			
(a) Motor Operating Costs- Concl'd				
Licenses	8			
Depreciation	37			
(b) Rail Fares		5		
(c) Street Car Fares		46		
4. RECREATION			31	
(a) Theatre Admissions		23		
(b) Newspaper Costs		22		
(c) Magazine Costs		4		
(d) Tobacco Costs		51		
Cigars) Geometric				
Cigarettes) Average				
Cut Tobacco)				
5. LIFE INSURANCE			22	

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PRICE MOVEMENTS, MARCH, 1943

WHOLESALE: The Bureau's index of wholesale prices advanced 1.0 to 98.5 between February and March (1926=100). Accounting for the increase were advances in four of the eight major groups while the remaining four were unchanged. Registering an advance of 2.5 points to 106.5, the wood, wood products and paper group reflected a $4 per ton increase in newsprint prices. Vegetable products moved 1.8 points higher to 88.7 on gains for wheat, potatoes, onions and fresh fruits which more than offset small declines for milled products and miscellaneous items. Animal products, reflecting firmness for fishery products, furs, sheepskins, livestock, fresh meats, poultry and milk products advanced 0.6 to 105.6. Eggs registered the only loss in this group. Chemicals and allied products stiffened 0.1 to 101.1 in March.

The composite monthly index for 30 industrial material prices on the base 1926=100 moved up 0.3 points to 96.6 in March, due to gains for the food and manufacturing material sub-groups. Foods increased 1.6 points to 94.5 due to higher quotations for wheat, steers and hogs, although oats moved slightly lower. Rosin was responsible for an increase of 0.1 to 82.7 in the manufacturing materials series of 13 commodities, while the stable group held unchanged at 115.6.

A rise of 3.8 points to 75.4 for field products and an advance of 0.8 to 117.6 for animal products increased the Canadian farm product prices index a further 2.7 points to 91.2 in March. Strength for field products was due mainly to gains for wheat coupled with smaller advances for potatoes, onions and tobacco. In the animal products section, poultry registered the most substantial price increase followed by lesser gains for hides and skins, livestock and fresh milk. Eggs recorded a further seasonal decline of 2.0 points to 83.5.

Movements of Canadian farm product price index numbers during world war I and world war II have shown some pronounced differences. Before making comparisons, however, it should be pointed out that considerable differences existed in actual price levels at the outset of the two war periods. On the base 1926=100, field products prices at the commencement of world war I (August 1914) averaged 45 p.c. above levels obtaining at the beginning of world war II (August 1939). On the other hand, animal products for the same periods showed prices 3 p.c. lower at the beginning of world war I, while the composite Canadian farm products index was 22 p.c. higher. It will be noted from the statement following that percentage changes in the first 16 months of both wars were about the same, but differences widened sharply following the inflationary price advance in the latter half of the first world war. The comparison for field products is affected by the extremely low level of wheat prices in August, 1939, when No.1 Northern averaged 51¢ per bushel.

Percentages Changes in Canadian Farm Product Wholesale Price Indexes During World Wars I and II

Base: (1913=100 for World War I)
(1938=100 for World War II)

Group		Last Pre-War Month	4th Month of War	16th Month of War	28th Month of War	40th Month of War	43rd Month of War
		Aug.1914 " 1939	Dec.1914 " 1939	Dec.1915 " 1940	Dec.1916 " 1941	Dec.1917 " 1942	Mar.1918 " 1943
Field	(World War I)	124	127	127	188	233	239
	(World War II)	70	85	76	86	100	109
Animal	(World War I)	96	113	120	151	172	163
	(Workd War II)	93	106	113	124	144	145
Total	(World War I)	111	121	124	171	206	205
	(World War II)	79	94	91	101	118	124

COST OF LIVING: (Wartime increase 16.3 per cent—from 100.8 to 117.2). The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index advanced from 116.9 on February 1 to 117.2 on March 1, 1943. The food index mounted from 126.7 to 127.7, while other group indexes remained unchanged, as follows: rents 111.3, fuel and light 112.7, clothing 120.1, homefurnishings and services 117.8, and miscellaneous items 107.5. Beef prices were firmer, and potatoes and oranges also advanced. A further small seasonal decline occurred in egg prices between February 1 and March 1.

SECURITIES: Following three weeks of relatively minor fluctuations a broadening advance on expanding volume occurred for security prices in the final week of March. As the month closed weekly series for both the Investors' index and the composite mining stock index were at peak levels for the month and considerably above March averages.

Paced by a substantial advance in transportation issues, up 20.5 p.c. at a monthly index level of 102.1, the Investors' index for 95 common stocks registered an increase of 0.5 p.c. to 79.1 between February and March. As a group, utilities recorded a net advance of 4.7 p.c. to 92.1, while industrial stocks eased 0.8 p.c. to 75.0 in the same interval. Among sub-groups to record moderate monthly increases were machinery and equipment 2.9 p.c. higher at 96.7; banks 2.0 p.c. at 80.2; beverages 1.9 p.c. at 113.9; pulp and paper 1.7 p.c. at 77.1; telephone and telegraph 1.6 p.c. at 93.7; milling 1.4 p.c. at 89.5 and industrial mines 1.3 p.c. at 79.6. Losses were noted for two sub-groups, foods and allied products issues down 7.4 p.c. at 81.6, and oils 2.4 p.c. at 65.6.

The advance of 5.7 p.c. to 65.0 in the composite monthly index for 25 representative mining issues was considerably greater than that recorded for the industrial and utilities composite average. The mining stock index for this series now stands at a level unequalled since November of 1941. Gold stocks averaged 6.9 p.c. higher at 55.6 for March, while base metals moved up 3.9 p.c. to 83.4.

Preferred stocks, based on an index of 30 representative issues, moved up 0.9 p.c. to 106.4 between February and March. Among sub-groups moderate strength was noted for machinery and equipment issues, up 1.9 p.c.; building material stocks, 1.7 p.c. higher; beverages 1.3 p.c.; milling stocks, 1.1 p.c.; oils, 1.1 p.c., and miscellaneous stocks, 1.0 p.c. Smaller advances occurred for pulp and paper and power stocks while fractional weakness lowered textiles 0.3 p.c. and foods and tobacco issues each 0.2 p.c.

Yields of a Dominion of Canada theoretical 15-year bond, as computed by the Bank of Canada, averaged lower for the fourth successive month, moving from 3.04 for February to 3.01 for March. Following a drop of .02 to 3.01 on March 3, no change took place until the 31st, when a further decline of .01 occurred, making a net decrease for the month of .03. The index of yields for March, on a 1935-1939 base, was 97.6, as compared with 98.5 for February. An index of representative Province of Ontario bond yields, compiled from information furnished by Wood, Gundy and Company, Limited, receded from 88.1 for February to 86.5 for March, while the average yield of the issues included decreased from 3.10 to 3.045.

Weekly Index Numbers of 30 Industrial Material Prices
(1926=100)

Month	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
March, 1943	96.4	96.6	96.6	96.8	-
February, 1943	96.1	96.3	96.4	96.5	-
January, 1943	95.5	95.9	96.2	96.2	-
December, 1942	94.9	95.0	95.1	95.2	95.3

Weekly Index Numbers of Canadian Farm Products
(1926=100)

Month	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
March, 1943	88.9	90.3	91.4	92.4	-
February, 1943	88.0	88.4	88.7	88.9	-
January, 1943	87.3	87.5	87.7	88.0	-
December, 1942	86.2	86.4	87.1	87.2	87.3

SUMMARY TABLES OF CANADIAN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

(1926 = 100)

	General wholesale Price Index	Consumers' Goods	Producers' Goods	Building Materials	Raw and Partly Manufactured Goods	Fully and Chiefly Manufactured Goods	Canadian Farm Products			Industrial Matorials	Manufacturing Materials
							Field	Animal	Total		
1913	64.0	62.0	67.7	67.0	63.8	64.8	56.4	77.0	64.1	-	-
1920	155.9	136.1	164.3	144.0	154.1	156.5	166.5	150.8	160.6	-	-
1929	95.6	94.7	96.1	99.0	97.5	93.0	93.8	112.5	100.8	91.8	87.2
1933	67.1	71.1	63.1	78.3	56.6	70.2	45.8	59.7	51.0	54.1	43.8
1939	75.4	75.9	70.4	89.7	67.4	75.3	54.2	81.2	64.3	69.0	57.0
1940	82.9	83.4	78.7	95.6	75.3	81.5	56.0	85.8	67.1	79.0	65.9
1941	90.0	91.1	83.6	107.3	81.8	88.8	56.5	95.9	71.2	87.3	75.0
1942	95.7	95.8	88.4	115.2	90.1	92.0	66.5	109.2	82.5	94.2	81.7
1939											
August	72.3	72.7	66.7	90.2	62.8	72.6	48.2	75.4	58.4	65.3	52.9
1942											
January	94.1	95.2	86.5	113.6	87.3	91.8	62.8	106.7	79.2	92.4	80.4
February ...	94.6	95.2	87.1	114.4	87.9	92.0	64.4	107.3	80.4	93.2	80.8
March	95.0	95.4	87.4	114.9	88.4	92.1	64.6	107.9	80.8	93.3	80.9
April	95.0	95.3	87.8	115.1	88.7	91.9	65.0	108.9	81.4	93.5	80.9
May	95.2	95.2	88.3	115.0	89.4	91.6	65.5	104.8	80.2	94.2	81.5
June	95.8	96.0	88.7	114.9	90.6	91.5	66.3	107.0	81.5	94.8	81.6
July	96.1	96.7	88.0	114.5	90.5	91.9	67.7	103.5	81.1	94.6	82.0
August	95.5	95.4	88.7	114.5	89.8	91.8	68.4	103.0	81.3	94.3	81.8
September ..	95.8	95.7	89.2	114.8	90.5	92.0	67.6	112.2	84.3	94.8	82.3
October	96.6	96.5	89.4	116.5	92.0	92.2	67.9	115.5	85.7	95.0	82.6
November ...	97.0	97.0	89.5	116.5	92.6	92.5	68.4	116.7	86.5	94.9	82.6
December ...	97.0	96.8	90.1	117.2	92.7	92.7	69.0	117.3	87.1	95.1	82.5
1943											
January	97.1	96.6	90.8	118.3	93.0	92.7	70.6	116.2	87.7	96.1	82.6
February ...	97.5	96.9	91.1	118.3	93.8	92.8	71.6	116.8	88.5	96.3	82.6
March	98.5	97.1	92.6	118.4	95.6	93.4	75.4	117.6	91.2	96.6	82.7

COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Note: Wholesale price indexes appearing in this bulletin are subject to revision.

Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1942	March 1942	Jan. 1943	Feb. 1943	March 1943
Total Index	526	95.7	95.0	97.1	97.5	98.5
I. Vegetable Products	123	84.5	83.3	86.1	86.9	88.7
Fruits	14	107.9	92.6	109.2	112.1	113.7
Fresh	4	115.6	94.1	117.7	121.6	123.7
Dried	4	93.4	93.6	93.7	93.7	93.7
Canned	6	75.9	82.8	73.5	73.5	73.5
Grains	22	63.7	61.0	68.2	68.7	72.5
Flour and Milled Products	12	77.0	75.5	78.9	79.0	78.9
Bakery Products	2	86.8	86.8	86.8	86.8	86.8
Vegetable Oils	4	132.1	132.4	132.2	132.2	132.2
Rubber and Its Products	7	75.7	75.7	75.7	75.7	75.7
Sugar and Its Products and Glucose	8	120.6	120.6	120.6	120.6	120.6
Tea, Coffee, Cocoa and Spices	13	121.3	122.2	109.6	109.6	109.6
Vegetables	13	93.1	97.9	95.3	101.4	106.7
II. Animals and Their Products	75	101.1	99.8	104.2	105.0	105.6
Fishery Products	16	111.0	107.6	118.5	119.1	120.6
Furs	9	74.3	79.6	67.6	78.2	80.6
Hides and Skins	6	114.6	124.5	120.9	123.1	124.9
Leather, Unmanufactured	9	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9
Boots and Shoes	2	105.6	105.3	105.7	105.7	105.7
Live Stock	4	130.7	126.0	142.0	145.6	147.2
Meats and Poultry	9	106.1	103.5	110.3	111.2	112.6
Milk and Its Products	12	97.8	99.0	99.0	99.5	99.6
Fats	5	76.2	77.8	89.0	89.6	89.6
Eggs	3	87.7	76.3	88.6	85.5	83.5
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	64	92.1	92.1	92.0	92.0	92.0
Cotton Fabrics	19	82.6	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5
Knit Goods	3	100.5	101.3	98.9	98.9	98.9
Flax, Hemp and Jute Products	6	91.4	90.9	92.2	92.2	92.2
Rayon and Silk Hosiery	1	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1
Rayon Fabrics	2	67.4	67.2	67.2	67.2	67.2
Artificial Silk Products	2	49.1	49.0	49.0	49.0	49.0
Wool, Raw	3	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7
Wool Hosiery and Knit Goods	5	108.8	108.8	108.8	108.8	108.8
Wool Cloth	6	105.2	105.2	105.2	105.2	105.2
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	101.8	101.1	104.0	104.0	106.5
Newsprint and Wrapping Paper	2	74.0	74.0	74.0	74.0	79.5
Lumber	33	133.0	131.9	139.3	139.3	139.3
Pulp	3	118.1	116.4	119.0	119.0	119.0
Furniture	10	104.7	104.7	104.7	104.7	104.7
V. Iron and Its Products	44	115.1	115.4	115.4	115.4	115.4
Pig Iron and Steel Billets	3	104.5	104.8	104.8	104.8	104.8
Rolling Mill Products	14	121.0	121.6	121.6	121.6	121.6
Hardware	16	93.9	93.9	93.9	93.9	93.9
Wire	3	100.4	100.4	100.4	100.4	100.4
Scrap	5	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	17	78.4	77.8	79.7	79.7	79.7
Brass and Copper Products	5	86.7	86.7	86.7	86.7	86.7
Lead and Its Products	2	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1
Tin Ingots	2	95.7	96.2	95.6	95.6	95.6
Zinc and Its Products	2	59.1	59.1	59.1	59.1	59.1
Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products (V and VI above)	61	102.9	102.9	103.5	103.5	103.5

COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1942	March 1942	Jan. 1943	Feb. 1943	March 1943
V11. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	81	99.8	99.3	100.9	100.9	100.9
Clay and Allied Materials Products	10	97.6	96.3	101.3	101.3	101.3
Coal	13	113.0	111.6	115.3	115.3	115.3
Coke	4	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5
Manufactured Gas	3	103.5	103.5	103.5	103.5	103.5
Glass and Its Products	6	104.4	104.4	104.4	104.4	104.4
Petroleum Products	5	85.1	85.1	85.1	85.1	85.1
Asphalt	2	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3
Salt	4	130.6	130.6	130.6	130.6	130.6
Lime	4	112.2	112.2	112.2	112.2	112.2
Cement	1	106.5	106.5	106.5	106.5	106.5
Sand and Gravel	8	88.0	89.6	89.0	89.0	89.0
Crushed Stone	3	83.0	87.6	91.1	91.1	93.4
Building Stone	3	70.8	70.8	70.8	70.8	70.8
Asbestos	8	74.1	74.1	74.1	74.1	74.1
V111. Chemicals and Allied Products	73	102.9	104.3	101.0	101.0	101.1
Inorganic Chemicals	22	89.0	89.1	88.6	88.8	89.3
Organic Chemicals	5	90.4	90.4	90.4	90.4	90.4
Coal Tar Products	2	91.1	91.1	91.1	91.1	91.1
Dyeing and Tanning Materials	10	136.4	136.4	136.4	136.4	136.4
Explosives	2	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1
Paints, Prepared	1	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5
Drugs and Pharmaceutical Chemicals	8	175.1	176.0	167.7	167.7	167.7
Fertilizers	10	86.2	88.1	83.9	83.7	83.7
Industrial Cases	2	83.3	84.2	82.5	83.2	83.1
PURPOSE CLASSIFICATION (1926=100)						
1. CONSUMERS' GOODS (Groups A and B)	215	95.8	95.4	96.6	96.9	97.1
A. Foods, Beverages and Tobacco	118	98.0	96.5	100.0	100.7	101.4
B. Other Consumers' Goods	97	94.4	94.7	94.3	94.3	94.3
11. PRODUCERS' GOODS (Groups C and D)	377	88.4	87.4	90.8	91.1	92.6
C. Producers' Equipment	24	109.8	108.5	111.1	111.1	111.2
D. Producers' Materials	353	86.0	85.1	88.5	88.9	90.5
ORIGIN CLASSIFICATION (1926=100)						
Total Raw and Partly Manufactured	223	90.1	88.4	93.0	93.8	95.6
Farm Origin - Field	84	73.1	71.5	75.8	76.9	80.2
Farm Origin - Animal	36	102.9	100.4	106.5	107.4	108.4
Marine	7	98.6	94.3	106.3	108.1	110.3
Forest x	37	128.5	127.2	133.1	133.1	133.1
Mineral	59	94.6	93.8	96.2	96.2	96.2
Total Fully and Chiefly Manufactured	302	92.0	92.1	92.7	92.8	93.4
Farm Origin - Field	83	88.6	88.6	88.9	89.0	88.9
Farm Origin - Animal	54	94.4	95.0	95.7	96.0	96.0
Marine	9	118.3	113.9	127.0	127.0	128.9
Forest	20	77.6	77.6	77.6	77.6	82.3
Mineral	136	101.5	101.8	101.8	101.8	101.8

x Included both domestic and export prices.

WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES

(All prices given in Canadian Funds)

Commodity		Yearly Average 1942	March 1942	Jan. 1943	Feb. 1943	March 1943
OATS, No. 2 C.W.		$	$	$	$	$
Ft. William and Pt. Arthur, cash basis	Bush.	.491	.500	.496	.513	.510
WHEAT, No. 1 Man. Northern						
Ft. William and Pt. Arthur, cash basis	Bush.	.835	.780	.904	.905	.971
FLOUR, First Patent, 2-98's						
Cotton bags, Toronto		5.050	5.050	5.050	5.050	5.050
SUGAR, Granulated, Montreal	Cwt.	6.893	6.893	6.893	6.893	6.893
LINSEED OIL, Raw, Montreal	Gal.	.896	.900	.900	.900	.900
CATTLE, steers, good up to 1,050 lbs.						
Toronto	Cwt.	10.408	10.000	11.360	11.640	11.770
HOGS, BI, Dressed, Toronto	Cwt.	15.726	15.290	16.860	16.910	17.160
BEEF HIDES, Packer Hides						
Native Steers, Toronto	Lb.	.150	.150	.150	.150	.150
LEATHER, Packer crops, No. I and II						
f.o.b. Distributing points	Lb.	.480	.480	.480	.480	.480
BOX SIDES D,						
f.o.b. Ont. factory	Ft.	.240	.240	.240	.240	.240
BUTTER, Creamery prints, first grade						
Montreal	Lb.	.365	.363	.369	.369	.369
CHEESE, Canada, old large,						
Montreal	Lb.	.339	.340	.320	.313	.305
EGGS, Grade "A" large,						
Montreal	Doz.	.406	.341	.414	.403	.387
COTTON YARNS, 10's white single						
Hosiery cops, Mill	Lb.	.303	.315	.293	.293	.293
WOOL, eastern bright $\frac{1}{4}$ blood						
domestic, f.o.b. Ontario	Lb.	.310	.310	.310	.310	.310
WOOL, western range, semi-bright						
$\frac{1}{2}$ blood, domestic, f.o.b. Ontario	Lb.	.260	.260	.260	.260	.260
(A) Pulp, groundwood, No. 1						
delivered, Eastern Continental Divide	Ton	50.233	49.500	50.600	50.600	50.600
STEEL, Merchant bars, mild	100					
Mill	lbs.	2.754	2.754	2.754	2.754	2.754
PIG IRON, foundry No. 1	Gross					
f.o.b. plant	Ton	25.500	25.500	25.500	25.500	25.500
COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic						
Montreal	Cwt.	11.500	11.500	11.500	11.500	11.500
LEAD, domestic, f.o.b. carlots						
Montreal	Cwt.	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000
TIN INGOTS, Straits,						
f.o.b. Toronto	Lb.	.620	.620	.620	.620	.620
ZINC, domestic, f.o.b. carlots						
Montreal	Cwt.	5.150	5.150	5.150	5.150	5.150
COAL, Anthracite, Toronto						
f.o.b. carlots	Ton	12.540	12.499	13.224	13.224	13.224
COAL, Bituminous, N.S.						
run-of-mine	Ton	5.700	5.700	5.700	5.700	5.700
(B) GASOLENE, Standard						
Toronto	Gal.	.215	.215	.215	.215	.215
SULPHURIC ACID 66° Baume	Net					
f.o.b. works	Ton	18.000	18.000	18.000	18.000	18.000

(A) Groundwood Pulp delivered to consumers' Mills, east of Continental Divide, (exclusive of Denver).

(B) 1942-1943 Federal Tax Included.

PRICE INDEX NUMBER SYNOPSIS

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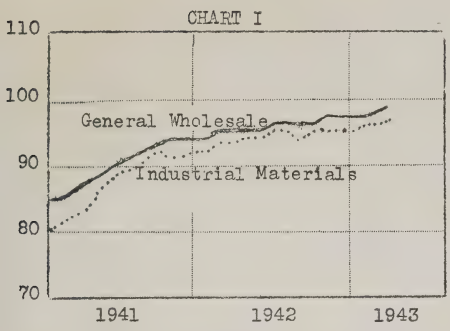

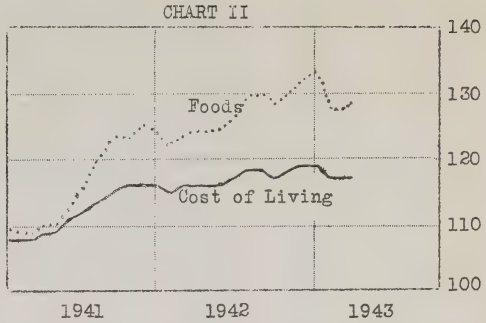

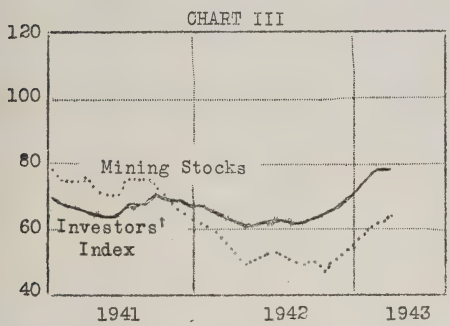

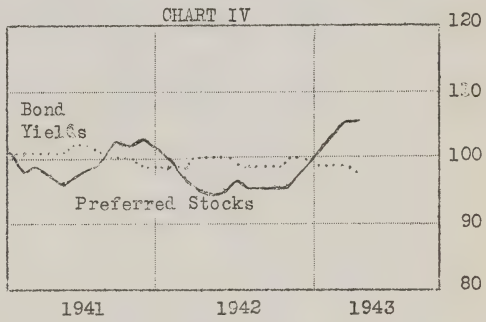

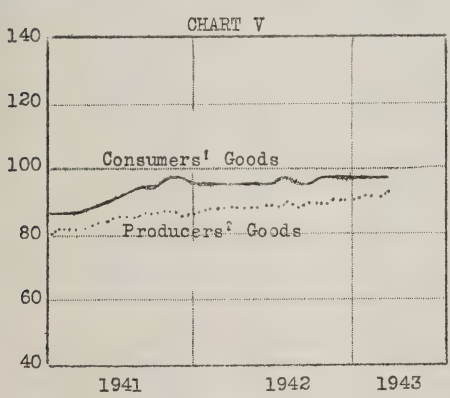

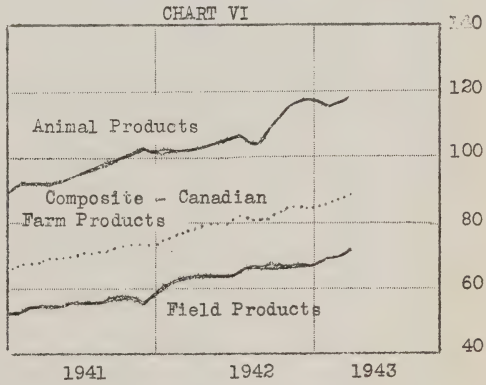

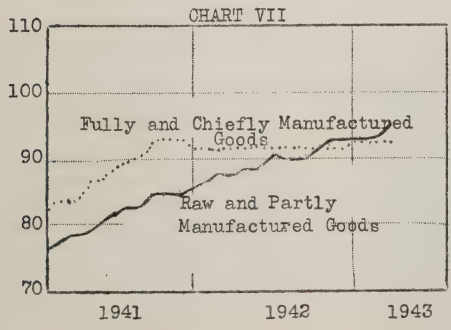

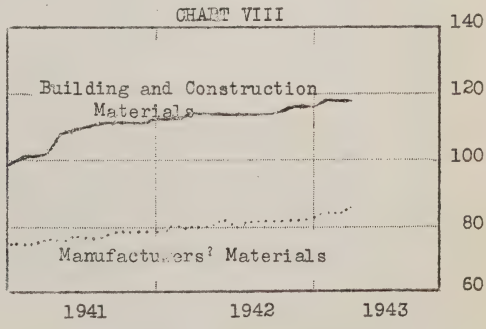

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS IN CANADA, 1913-MARCH 1, 1943

(1935-39-100)

	Total Index	Food Index	Rent Index	Fuel and Lighting Index	Clothing Index	Home Furnishings and Miscellaneous Index	Retail Prices Index (Commodities only)
1913	79.1	89.1	74.3	77.1	87.4	69.6	-
1914	79.7	92.2	72.1	75.1	88.3	69.6	-
1915	80.7	93.7	69.8	73.8	96.4	70.0	-
1916	87.0	103.9	70.6	75.4	109.8	74.1	-
1917	102.4	134.3	75.8	83.8	129.1	80.7	-
1918	115.6	154.2	80.0	92.6	151.0	90.3	-
1919	126.5	164.8	87.3	100.7	173.6	100.0	-
1920	145.4	189.5	100.1	120.2	211.9	109.3	-
1921	129.9	145.5	109.4	128.1	172.0	111.4	-
1922	120.4	123.3	114.0	122.7	145.7	111.4	-
1923	120.7	124.1	116.9	122.5	143.8	110.7	-
1924	118.8	121.6	117.4	118.9	140.8	108.6	-
1925	119.8	127.2	117.4	116.8	140.3	106.5	-
1926	121.8	133.3	115.9	116.8	139.1	106.1	-
1927	119.9	130.8	114.5	114.4	135.6	105.1	-
1928	120.5	131.5	117.3	113.2	135.5	104.8	-
1929	121.7	134.7	119.7	112.6	134.8	105.0	-
1930	120.8	131.5	122.7	111.8	130.6	105.4	-
1931	109.1	103.1	119.4	110.0	114.3	103.3	-
1932	99.0	85.7	109.7	106.8	100.6	100.4	-
1933	94.4	84.9	98.6	102.5	93.3	98.2	-
1934	95.6	92.7	93.2	102.1	97.1	97.8	-

	Percentage Increase Since August 1, 1939	Total Index	Food Index	Rent Index	Fuel and Lighting Index	Clothing Index	Home Furnishings and Services Index	Miscellaneous Index	Retail Prices Index (Commodities only)
1935		96.2	94.6	94.0	100.9	97.6	95.4	98.7	95.9
1936		98.1	97.8	96.1	101.5	99.3	97.2	99.1	98.1
1937		101.2	103.2	99.7	98.9	101.4	101.5	100.1	102.0
1938		102.2	103.8	103.1	97.7	100.9	102.4	101.2	102.8
1939		101.5	100.6	103.8	101.2	100.7	101.4	101.4	101.0
1940		105.6	105.6	106.3	107.1	109.2	107.2	102.3	106.6
1941	10.8	111.7	116.1	109.4	110.3	116.1	113.8	105.1	114.9
1942	16.1	117.0	127.2	111.3	112.8	120.0	117.9	107.1	122.4
1939 Aug. 1	-	100.8	99.3	103.8	99.0	100.1	100.9	101.3	100.0
1941 Oct. 1	14.6	115.5	123.2	110.2	112.1	119.0	117.3	106.5	120.1
Nov. 1	15.4	116.3	125.4	111.2	112.7	120.0	117.9	106.7	121.4
Dec. 1	14.9	115.8	123.8	111.2	112.7	119.9	117.9	106.7	120.6
1942 Jan. 2	14.5	115.4	122.3	111.2	112.9	119.9	118.0	106.8	119.9
Feb. 2	14.9	115.7	123.1	111.2	112.9	119.8	118.0	107.1	120.3
Mar. 2	15.0	115.9	123.7	111.2	112.9	119.8	118.0	107.1	120.6
Apr. 1	15.0	115.9	123.7	111.2	112.9	119.8	118.1	107.1	120.6
May 1	15.2	116.1	124.3	111.3	112.9	119.9	118.0	107.1	120.9
June 1	15.9	116.7	126.2	111.3	112.6	119.9	117.9	107.1	121.8
July 2	16.0	117.9	130.3	111.3	112.5	120.0	117.9	107.1	123.9
Aug. 1	16.8	117.7	129.6	111.3	112.5	120.1	117.8	107.1	123.5
Sept. 1	16.5	117.4	128.5	111.3	112.5	120.1	117.8	107.1	123.0
Oct. 1	16.9	117.8	129.8	111.3	112.8	120.1	117.8	107.1	123.7
Nov. 2	17.7	118.6	132.4	111.3	112.8	120.1	117.8	107.1	125.0
Dec. 1	17.9	118.8	132.8	111.3	112.8	120.2	117.8	107.2	125.2
1943 Jan. 2	16.2	117.1	127.3	111.3	112.8	120.2	117.8	107.5	122.5
Feb. 1	16.0	116.9	126.7	111.3	112.7	120.1	117.8	107.5	122.2
Mar. 1	16.3	117.2	127.7	111.3	112.7	120.1	117.8	107.5	122.7

By Order-in-Council P.C. 6219 as amended, prices of cigarettes and tobacco used in the index for purposes of computing cost-of-living bonuses do not include the tax imposed on June 24, 1942, by the Special War Revenue Act. Since indirect taxes of this kind previously have been included in the index, a March figure reflecting the new tax has been computed to maintain continuity with preceding calculations. This index is 117.6

INDEX NUMBERS OF RETAIL PRICES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES OF FOOD IN CANADA, AUGUST1, 1939, AND MARCH 2, 1942-MARCH 1, 1943.

(1935-39=100)

Year and Month	Beef Sirloin	Beef Blade	Veal Roast	Lamb Roast	Pork Fresh	Bacon Breakfast	Canned Salmon	Pure Lard	Eggs Grade "A"	Milk Fresh	Butter Creamery	Cheese Canadian	Beans Dry	Potatoes
1939 - August 1st	110.7	111.4	105.5	109.3	105.8	97.4	99.1	73.4	91.5	100.0	88.7	98.2	87.9	126.4
1942 - March 2nd	134.8	150.3	152.2	124.6	133.6	128.7	133.1	103.9	115.4	111.0	125.9	171.4	112.1	153.9
April 1st	135.6	152.4	152.2	125.8	134.4	128.9	133.7	104.5	110.3	111.0	126.5	171.4	112.1	155.0
May 1st	137.1	155.9	153.5	127.7	134.8	129.3	134.4	105.2	106.6	111.0	127.2	168.5	113.8	158.5
June 1st	145.5	166.4	158.5	132.7	136.0	129.3	135.0	105.2	106.6	111.0	127.2	165.7	113.8	166.3
July 2nd	156.5	181.8	164.1	151.9	137.7	130.4	135.6	104.5	113.0	111.0	126.2	163.4	113.8	234.5
August 1st	153.3	177.6	162.3	147.7	137.2	130.7	136.3	103.9	120.2	111.0	125.9	162.4	113.8	220.5
September 1st ...	147.8	170.6	164.1	135.4	137.2	131.0	137.5	102.6	134.1	111.9	126.5	161.5	112.1	169.4
October 1st	145.8	167.1	164.8	133.1	136.8	131.9	137.5	103.2	151.7	112.8	127.8	160.6	112.1	151.9
November 2nd	150.2	174.8	168.5	132.7	138.1	132.5	138.7	105.2	167.4	112.8	129.4	160.1	112.1	153.1
December 1st	150.2	174.8	167.9	133.5	138.9	133.4	138.7	109.1	170.1	112.8	132.7	160.1	112.1	154.7
1943 - January 2nd	151.4	176.9	170.4	137.7	138.9	134.0	138.1	113.6	155.3	94.5	129.4	159.6	112.1	158.5
February 1st	151.8	179.0	174.2	144.6	139.7	134.6	138.7	116.2	134.1	94.5	129.4	159.6	112.1	165.5
March 1st	154.9	183.9	178.0	146.9	140.5	135.2	138.1	118.2	130.2	95.4	129.4	159.6	112.1	170.9

Year and Month	Tomatoes Canned	Peas Canned	Bread White	Flour House-hold	Rolled Oats	Rice	Prunes	Raisins	Jam Strw-berry	Sugar Granu-lated	Sugar Yellow	Tea	Coffee	Weighted Food Index (46 Items)
1939 - August 1st	91.3	89.7	98.4	78.4	92.6	101.2	94.7	100.0	96.5	101.6	101.6	105.6	94.4	99.3
1942 - March 2nd	118.8	105.0	104.8	100.0	105.5	130.5	111.4	104.2	105.9	132.8	133.3	154.3	133.4	123.7
April 1st	118.8	105.0	104.8	100.0	105.5	131.7	111.4	104.2	105.9	132.8	133.3	154.7	133.7	123.7
May 1st	118.8	105.9	104.8	100.0	105.5	132.9	111.4	104.2	105.9	134.4	133.3	155.4	133.7	124.3
June 1st	118.8	105.9	104.8	100.0	105.5	132.9	111.4	104.2	105.9	134.4	133.3	155.8	133.7	126.2
July 2nd	118.8	106.7	104.8	100.0	105.5	134.1	112.3	104.2	105.9	134.4	133.3	156.2	133.7	130.3
August 1st	118.8	106.7	104.8	100.0	105.5	135.4	113.1	103.6	106.5	134.4	133.3	156.3	133.4	129.6
September 1st ...	118.8	106.7	104.8	100.0	105.5	137.8	113.1	103.6	106.5	134.4	133.3	156.3	134.0	128.5
October 1st	118.8	107.6	104.8	100.0	105.5	140.2	114.0	101.8	107.1	134.4	133.3	156.3	134.0	129.8
November 2nd	118.8	107.6	104.8	100.0	105.5	142.7	114.9	100.6	107.7	134.4	133.3	156.3	134.0	132.4
December 1st	118.8	107.6	104.8	100.0	105.5	143.9	116.7	98.8	107.7	134.4	133.3	156.3	134.3	132.8
1943 - January 2nd	118.8	107.6	104.8	100.0	105.5	146.3	117.5	97.0	108.3	134.4	133.3	138.7	123.7	127.3
February 1st	119.7	107.6	104.8	100.0	105.5	148.8	117.5	97.6	108.3	134.4	134.9	138.4	123.1	126.7
March 1st	119.7	107.6	104.8	100.0	105.5	150.0	116.7	99.6	108.9	134.4	134.9	138.4	123.1	127.7

INVESTORSI MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCKS

(1935-39=100)

Number of Securities 1943	GENERAL: Total	GENERAL: Total	INDUSTRIALS: Machinery and Equipment	INDUSTRIALS: Pulp and Paper	INDUSTRIALS: Milling	INDUSTRIALS: Oils	INDUSTRIALS: Textiles and Clothing	INDUSTRIALS: Food and Allied Products	INDUSTRIALS: Beverages	INDUSTRIALS: Building Materials	INDUSTRIALS: Industrial Mines	UTILITIES: Total	UTILITIES: Transportation	UTILITIES: Telephone Telegraph	UTILITIES: Power and Traction	BANKS: Total
	95	68	8	7	3	4	10	12	7	15	2	19	2	2	15	8
1940 - September.	75.8	73.1	85.5	82.1	85.5	60.7	121.4	101.6	99.5	87.0	77.4	78.0	60.1	99.5	77.2	92.9
October ..	74.2	71.3	84.0	80.1	93.5	56.2	120.8	101.4	99.5	88.9	77.7	77.0	55.4	100.2	76.9	91.9
November..	74.5	71.3	86.0	82.6	81.4	54.5	121.5	100.7	105.8	91.2	77.8	78.2	62.2	101.4	76.2	92.7
December .	70.3	65.9	78.6	76.7	75.2	48.7	116.8	99.6	106.5	87.6	71.4	76.4	55.8	101.3	75.6	94.6
1941 - January ..	71.3	66.9	77.6	74.1	72.3	51.6	110.6	96.8	104.3	84.0	73.2	77.3	60.9	101.2	75.4	94.7
February .	66.5	62.3	72.9	63.8	69.5	48.7	105.0	90.1	96.6	77.3	67.3	71.3	51.6	100.2	68.8	90.9
March	66.8	63.1	73.6	65.4	69.5	49.5	103.1	87.9	93.7	78.5	69.0	70.7	55.7	99.2	67.0	89.9
April	65.8	62.3	73.2	63.9	68.6	49.4	101.3	88.6	88.1	77.8	67.8	68.2	57.3	97.8	62.2	89.7
May	63.9	60.7	71.8	59.7	63.4	51.3	97.4	88.6	82.8	74.4	62.6	65.2	54.8	91.6	60.3	88.3
June	64.0	60.3	72.0	59.5	67.5	48.0	101.1	90.1	87.3	74.9	64.2	67.1	58.9	92.0	62.0	89.0
July	67.5	64.0	76.3	66.1	67.5	48.4	105.7	90.5	94.3	77.8	72.3	70.6	65.8	93.0	65.3	89.7
August ...	67.8	64.4	76.8	70.2	72.4	49.1	106.3	91.8	95.7	79.7	71.5	71.2	70.0	94.6	64.4	89.7
September.	71.0	67.5	80.5	78.5	75.1	51.3	108.4	93.3	102.4	82.4	75.8	74.7	70.3	98.6	68.8	91.2
October ..	69.1	65.5	78.3	75.5	74.5	51.2	105.7	91.9	98.7	78.9	71.7	72.5	65.7	96.8	67.2	90.8
November .	68.8	65.3	78.2	76.4	74.9	52.9	110.0	91.0	102.6	77.8	68.9	71.1	65.2	95.3	65.5	91.7
December .	67.2	63.9	75.5	72.9	72.2	49.0	110.4	91.4	104.8	75.5	69.7	68.7	60.4	95.9	63.0	90.5
1942 - January ..	66.8	62.9	74.3	71.9	74.5	45.9	112.8	88.7	99.2	75.1	71.9	70.4	64.5	95.5	64.4	91.1
February .	64.7	60.8	73.4	69.3	69.7	43.6	108.7	85.5	96.3	73.9	70.1	67.7	60.5	93.5	62.1	91.1
March	62.3	57.8	69.7	66.1	70.9	42.2	104.3	75.8	92.8	74.0	67.3	67.5	59.4	93.5	62.0	89.4
April.....	61.1	56.6	70.6	63.2	69.6	41.4	102.4	74.2	93.1	73.9	64.2	66.3	60.6	91.9	60.2	88.4
May	62.0	57.9	74.7	61.1	70.5	43.2	104.3	73.5	94.2	75.7	65.2	66.4	59.6	92.0	60.7	87.4
June	62.8	58.4	76.2	61.1	69.6	44.5	106.6	73.9	93.6	76.8	64.9	68.1	56.6	92.3	64.3	87.7
July	62.4	58.6	76.6	58.9	65.3	46.6	100.4	75.9	95.5	75.3	62.7	67.8	58.4	86.5	65.2	81.7
August ...	61.6	58.5	76.0	56.0	61.2	47.5	97.7	75.3	98.3	73.1	61.9	67.8	58.8	80.8	66.9	71.9
September.	62.6	59.8	77.9	55.9	62.0	49.0	99.8	74.2	98.7	71.2	64.1	69.2	62.5	83.4	67.1	69.0
October ..	65.0	62.2	80.3	57.8	64.9	51.0	99.6	74.0	98.9	70.8	68.4	72.0	73.4	83.9	67.9	70.3
November .	67.6	64.1	82.5	62.6	72.3	53.7	101.6	77.1	105.5	74.9	68.0	77.6	85.7	87.1	72.1	72.3
December .	71.3	67.2	86.0	71.2	81.9	57.9	109.3	82.5	107.3	79.6	69.1	83.8	88.2	89.8	80.7	74.4
1943 - January ..	76.3	72.1	90.3	75.3	82.4	62.9	114.3	88.2	109.7	84.0	74.3	90.0	92.1	93.3	88.5	76.7
February .	78.7	75.6	94.0	75.8	88.3	67.2	117.4	88.1	111.8	85.0	78.6	88.0	84.7	92.2	88.0	78.6
March	79.1	75.0	96.7	77.1	89.5	65.6	118.1	81.6	113.9	85.3	79.6	92.1	102.1	93.7	88.6	80.2

INDEX NUMBERS OF TWENTY-FIVE MINING STOCKS
(1935-39=100)

No. of Stocks 1943	Golds 22	Base Metals 3	Total Index 25
1941 - January	74.4	89.2	79.4
February	70.6	83.2	74.9
March	70.0	84.7	75.1
April	69.0	87.6	75.1
May	66.1	81.2	71.2
June	64.4	83.9	71.0
July	66.2	91.3	74.6
August	66.0	91.7	74.6
September	66.0	94.0	75.4
October	60.8	87.4	69.7
November	54.9	83.0	65.0
December	52.2	84.8	63.2
1942 - January	50.5	84.3	61.9
February	45.4	81.5	57.5
March	40.1	75.3	51.9
April	37.5	72.8	49.3
May	39.6	75.8	51.7
June	42.6	74.3	53.2
July	39.3	73.3	50.6
August	38.0	72.3	49.4
September	38.4	72.1	49.7
October	33.3	71.8	46.2
November	40.7	73.2	51.6
December	44.7	74.4	54.7
1943 - January	50.1	79.4	60.0
February	52.0	80.3	61.5
March	55.6	83.4	65.0
Weekly Index Numbers			
Week ending Feb. 18th	51.4	80.2	61.1
Week ending " 25th	53.1	79.4	62.0
Week ending March 4th	54.3	79.5	62.9
Week ending " 11th	55.0	80.6	63.7
Week ending " 18th	54.0	82.4	63.6
Week ending " 25th	56.4	86.0	66.4
Week ending April 1st	58.2	88.4	68.4
Week ending " 8th	62.5	89.4	71.7

MONTHLY INDEXES OF AMERICAN STOCK PRICES, 1942-1943.
(Issued by Standard and Poor's Trade Securities)
(1935-1939=100

	Composite	Industrials	Railroads	Utilities
1942 - March	66.0	67.2	65.0	60.5
April	63.3	64.8	61.1	56.5
May	63.2	64.7	60.3	57.2
June	66.1	68.2	59.0	58.8
July	68.2	70.6	62.9	58.4
August	68.3	70.5	65.4	58.8
September	69.4	71.6	66.7	59.5
October	74.2	76.5	72.7	63.7
November	75.2	77.2	73.0	66.2
December	75.9	78.5	69.3	65.2
1943 - January	79.7	82.3	73.7	69.3
February	84.8	87.7	77.5	73.3
March (2nd week)	86.9	89.2	84.4	76.5

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MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELDS,[x] 1937-1943
(1935-1939=100)

	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
January	95.2	102.2	97.3	109.3	100.6	99.4	98.8
February	100.1	100.8	97.2	107.2	100.8	99.3	98.5
March	106.4	100.3	95.4	107.9	100.5	99.6	97.6
April	107.2	97.4	96.3	105.5	100.6	99.6	-
May	106.4	96.2	97.8	104.5	101.1	99.5	-
June	105.6	98.0	95.7	107.8	101.9	98.8	-
July	104.4	98.7	96.0	107.0	101.5	98.7	-
August	102.9	98.8	98.6	104.3	101.2	99.0	-
September	103.2	101.9	117.0	103.1	100.3	99.4	-
October	106.2	99.3	111.9	102.6	100.2	99.6	-
November	105.7	97.4	108.4	101.9	99.1	99.6	-
December	102.9	97.2	110.5	101.0	99.3	99.4	-

WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BONDS, 1942 - 1943

	Yields		Yields		Yields
January 6	99.3	February 3	98.6	March 3	97.7
" 13	99.0	" 10	98.6	" 10	97.7
" 20	98.6	" 17	98.3	" 17	97.7
" 27	98.3	" 24	98.3	" 24	97.7
				" 31	97.3

INDEX NUMBERS OF 30 PREFERRED STOCK PRICES, 1936-1943
(1935-1939=100)

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1936	90.3	93.1	92.0	91.7	90.0	91.9	95.9	97.2	101.1	104.7	109.9	113.3
1937	119.7	121.1	123.8	124.4	120.9	119.8	119.9	122.4	109.8	99.2	98.9	97.7
1938	100.6	99.0	93.5	94.3	96.6	98.7	105.2	104.7	98.1	106.2	105.5	104.8
1939	102.5	101.8	101.2	95.2	95.3	98.8	100.1	97.7	100.5	107.4	108.7	110.1
1940	110.7	109.7	108.8	108.9	96.7	86.9	89.0	93.9	99.1	100.7	103.0	101.7
1941	101.4	97.6	98.7	97.9	96.3	96.8	98.5	100.0	103.2	102.2	102.6	100.7
1942	99.6	96.8	95.6	94.5	95.4	96.5	95.7	95.8	95.6	96.2	97.5	100.4
1943	102.7	105.5	106.4									

EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS AT MONTREAL, AUGUST 1939 and 1940-1943

Note: The noon rates in Canadian Funds upon which these averages are based have been supplied by the Bank of Canada.

	New York Funds	London Sterling	(A) Argentine Peso (Paper)	(A) Brazil Milreis	India Rupee
	$	$	$	$	$
1939 - August	1.0047	4.6327	.2321	.0504	.3346
1940	+1.1050	+4.450	.2539	.0557	.3359
1941	1.1050	4.450	.2621	.0563	.3356
1942	1.1050	4.450	.2624	.0571	.3359
October	1.1050	4.450	.2632	.0572	.3359
November	1.1050	4.450	.2626	.0572	.3359
December	1.1050	4.450	.2621	.0572	.3359
1943 - January	1.1050	4.450	.2613	.0570	.3359
February	1.1050	4.450	.2621	.0569	.3359
March	1.1050	4.450	.2643	.0569	.3359

+ Since September 16, 1939, quotations used are the average of the daily buying and selling rates set by the Foreign Exchange Control Board. The current buying and selling rate for sterling is $4.43 and $4.47 and U.S. funds $1.10 and $1.11.

(A) Unofficial.

x Based upon a theoretical 15 year Dominion of Canada bond. Yields calculated by the Bank of Canada.

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PRICE MOVEMENTS, APRIL, 1943.

WHOLESALE: At 98.9 for April, the composite index of wholesale prices on the base 1926=100 showed a gain of 0.4 points over March. Increases for vegetable products, wood, wood products and paper and animal products outweighed decreases for iron and steel and chemicals and allied products. For vegetable products an advance of 1.2 points to 89.9 occurred between March and April, due to increases for oranges, lemons and bananas, wheat, rye, potatoes and onions. Miscellaneous vegetable items were easier due to reductions in hay. Higher prices for spruce and hardwoods were sufficient to advance wood, wood products and paper 0.8 to 107.3 in April, while animal products rose 0.1 to 105.7 on higher prices for furs, sheepskins, fresh meats, poultry and eggs. Declines in this group were limited to livestock, milk products, prepared meats and oils and fats. A decrease of 0.1 to 115.3 for iron and its products reflected lower freight rates for steel sheets, while a drop of 0.6 to 100.5 for chemicals and allied products was due to downward price revisions for tanning materials and drugs and pharmaceuticals.

A composite index for 30 industrial materials on the base 1926=100 advanced 0.1 to 96.7 in April on strength in the stable products series which moved up 0.4 to 116.0 on higher prices for spruce. Five foods eased 0.2 to 94.3 as lower quotations for hogs, steers and oats overbalanced an increase in wheat, while the manufacturing series of 13 commodities dipped 0.1 to 82.6 on a reduced rosin quotation. Canadian farm products stiffened 1.0 to 92.3 in April, with both field and animal product prices contributing to the rise. At current levels the composite index is now within a fraction of the 1937 peak of 92.5. Field products moved up 1.4 points to 76.8, reflecting advances of 1.3 points to 73.8 for grains, 4.7 points to 111.5 for potatoes, 20.7 to 183.6 for onions, which offset weakness in hay prices. In the animal products sub-group an increase of 0.4 to 118.2 was due to strength in sheepskins, poultry and eggs. Livestock registered a small decline in this section.

COST OF LIVING. (Wartime increase 16.7 per cent--from 100.8 to 117.6). The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index advanced from 117.2 on March 1 to 117.6 on April 1. This index which has been specified as the basis for calculating cost-of-living bonus adjustments under Order-in-Council P.C. 596, has increased 16.7 per cent between August, 1939 and April, 1943. The April rise was due mainly to a further increase for foods, but fractional advances were recorded also for clothing and miscellaneous items. The food index mounted from 127.7 on March 1 to 128.7 on April 1, as meats, potatoes, cheese, and oranges registered increases. Eggs showed the only appreciable decline. The fractional rise in clothing from 120.1 to 120.2 was due to scattered advances in women's wear. Miscellaneous items moved up from 107.5 to 107.7 because of increases in newspaper rates and barbers' prices.

From February 1 to April 1 eight regional city cost-of-living indexes advanced by amounts varying from 0.1 points for Toronto to 2.0 points for Vancouver. During this same period the Dominion cost-of-living index advanced 0.7 points.

increases were more pronounced in eastern and western cities than in those more centrally located.

From August, 1939 to April, 1943, food retail price indexes in the eight regional cities have advanced by the following percentages: Halifax 32.7, Saint John 27.9, Montreal 32.5, Toronto 26.2, Winnipeg 29.0, Saskatoon 29.9, Edmonton 28.2, and Vancouver 35.8. However, foods form only about one-third of cost-of-living index budgets, and complete cost-of-living indexes have risen by considerably smaller percentages. Rents and miscellaneous items including health, personal care, recreation, transportation, and insurance have risen much less than other living requirements. Percentage increases in total cost-of-living indexes from August, 1939 to April, 1943 have been as follows: Halifax 15.7, Saint John 16.7, Montreal 19.0, Toronto 15.4, Winnipeg 14.7, Saskatoon 17.4, Edmonton 14.1, and Vancouver 16.7. The corresponding percentage increases in the Dominion index have been 29.6 for foods and 16.7 for the total cost of living.

SECURITIES: Security prices averaged considerably higher in April, although weekly changes showed a declining tendency at the close.

The investors' April index for 95 common stocks stood at 82.6 or 4.4 p.c. above March and was at the highest monthly level attained in exactly three years. This compared with a month-end figure of 81.2 and a peak of 83.2 touched for the week of the 22nd. While all sub-groups registered increases, most pronounced strength was noted for utilities which averaged 10.1 p.c. higher at 101.4; industrials averaged 3.2 p.c. higher at 77.4.

Mining stock prices also averaged substantially higher in April; the composite index for 35 representative mining issues mounted 5.5 p.c. to 68.6. A month-end index of 66.0, however, reflected an easier tendency in the latter part of April. Gold stocks in April averaged 6.1 p.c. higher at 59.0, while base metals gained 4.3 p.c. to 87.0.

Based upon an index of 30 representative issues preferred stock prices averaged 1.7 p.c. higher at 108.2 in April. Greatest strength was noted for milling shares, up 8.9 p.c. Food shares recorded the only decline of 1.3 p.c.

Yields of a Dominion of Canada theoretical 15-year bond, as computed by the Bank of Canada, recorded another fractional decline to 3.00 for April as compared with 3.01 for March.

Weekly Index Numbers of Wholesale Prices

(1926=100)

	Industrial Materials				Canadian Farm Products			
	January 1943	February 1943	March 1943	April 1943	January 1943	February 1943	March 1943	April 1943
1st Week	95.5	96.1	96.4	97.0	87.3	88.0	88.9	92.8
2nd Week	95.9	96.3	96.6	96.9	87.5	88.4	90.3	92.5
3rd Week	96.2	96.4	95.6	96.7	87.7	88.7	91.4	91.9
4th Week	96.2	96.5	96.8	96.8	88.0	88.9	92.4	92.2
5th Week				96.7				92.5

SUMMARY TABLES OF CANADIAN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS
(1926=100)

	General Wholesale Price Index	Consumers' Goods	Producers' Goods	Building Materials	Raw and Partly Manufactured Goods	Fully and Chiefly Manufactured Goods
1913	64.0	62.0	67.7	67.0	63.8	64.8
1920	155.9	136.1	164.3	144.0	154.1	156.5
1929	95.6	94.7	96.1	99.0	97.5	93.0
1933	67.1	71.1	63.1	78.3	56.6	70.2
1939	75.4	75.9	70.4	89.7	67.4	75.3
1940	82.9	83.4	78.7	95.6	75.3	81.5
1941	90.0	91.1	83.6	107.3	81.8	88.8
1942	95.7	95.8	88.4	115.2	90.1	92.0
1939						
August	72.3	72.7	66.7	90.2	62.8	72.6
1942						
January	94.1	95.2	86.5	113.6	87.3	91.8
February	94.6	95.2	87.1	114.4	87.9	92.0
March	95.0	95.4	87.4	114.9	88.4	92.1
April	95.0	95.3	87.8	115.1	88.7	91.9
May	95.2	95.2	88.3	115.0	89.4	91.6
June	95.8	96.0	88.7	114.9	90.6	91.5
July	96.1	96.7	88.0	114.5	90.5	91.9
August	95.5	95.4	88.7	114.5	89.8	91.8
September	95.8	95.7	89.2	114.8	90.5	92.0
October	96.6	96.5	89.4	116.5	92.0	92.2
November	97.0	97.0	89.5	116.5	92.6	92.5
December	97.0	96.8	90.1	117.2	92.7	92.7
1943						
January	97.1	96.6	90.8	118.3	93.0	92.7
February	97.5	96.9	91.1	118.3	93.8	92.8
March	98.5	97.1	92.6	118.4	95.6	93.4
April	98.9	97.0	93.1	119.4	97.1	92.9

SUMMARY TABLES OF CANADIAN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS - Concl'd
(1926=100)

	Canadian Farm Products			Industrial Materials	Eighteen Sensitive Materials	Twelve Stable Materials
	Field	Animal	Total			
1913	56.4	77.0	64.1	-	-	-
1920	166.5	150.8	160.6	-	-	-
1929	93.8	112.5	100.8	91.8	88.8	96.5
1933	45.8	59.7	51.0	54.1	43.7	75.0
1939	54.2	81.2	64.3	69.0	57.8	89.4
1940	56.0	85.8	67.1	79.0	66.8	101.7
1941	56.5	95.9	71.2	87.3	75.2	109.2
1942	66.5	109.2	82.5	94.2	83.1	113.7
1939						
August	48.2	75.4	58.4	65.3	52.8	88.4
1942						
January	62.8	106.7	79.2	92.4	81.3	111.8
February	64.4	107.3	80.4	93.2	81.8	113.3
March	64.6	107.9	80.8	93.3	82.0	113.3
April	65.0	108.9	81.4	93.5	82.3	113.3
May	65.5	104.8	80.2	94.2	83.0	114.0
June	66.3	107.0	81.5	94.8	83.9	114.0
July	67.7	103.5	81.1	94.6	83.6	114.0
August	68.4	103.0	81.3	94.3	83.1	114.0
September	67.6	112.2	84.3	94.8	83.9	114.0
October	67.9	115.5	85.7	95.0	83.9	114.4
November	68.4	116.7	86.5	94.9	83.8	114.4
December	69.0	117.3	87.1	95.1	84.1	114.4
1943						
January	70.6	116.2	87.7	96.1	84.9	115.6
February	71.6	116.8	88.5	96.3	85.3	115.6
March	75.4	117.6	91.2	96.6	85.8	115.6
April	76.8	118.2	92.3	96.7	85.7	116.0

COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Note: Wholesale price indexes appearing in this bulletin are subject to revision.

Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1942	April 1942	Feb. 1943	March 1943	April 1943
Total Index	526	95.7	95.0	97.5	98.5	98.9
I. Vegetable Products	123	84.5	83.4	86.9	88.7	89.9
Fruits	14	107.9	96.4	112.1	113.7	122.7
Fresh	4	115.6	100.5	121.6	123.7	135.7
Dried	4	93.4	93.6	93.7	93.7	93.7
Canned	6	75.9	74.2	73.5	73.5	73.5
Grains	22	63.7	61.6	68.7	72.5	73.8
Flour and Milled Products	12	77.0	75.2	79.0	78.9	78.9
Bakery Products	2	86.8	86.8	86.8	86.8	86.8
Vegetable Oils	4	132.1	132.4	132.2	132.2	132.2
Rubber and Its Products	7	75.7	75.7	75.7	75.7	75.7
Sugar and Its Products and Glucose	8	120.6	120.6	120.6	120.6	120.6
Tea, Coffee, Cocoa and Spices	13	121.3	122.0	109.6	109.6	109.6
Vegetables	13	93.1	96.1	101.4	106.7	112.0
II. Animals and Their Products	75	101.1	99.6	105.0	105.6	105.7
Fishery Products	16	111.0	109.7	119.1	120.6	120.6
Furs	9	74.3	81.9	78.2	80.6	94.1
Hides and Skins	6	114.6	126.6	123.1	124.9	125.6
Leather, Unmanufactured	9	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9
Boots and Shoes	2	105.6	105.3	105.7	105.7	105.7
Live Stock	4	130.7	130.2	145.6	147.2	146.6
Meats and Poultry	9	106.1	103.7	111.2	112.6	112.1
Milk and Its Products	12	97.8	97.4	99.6	99.7	99.5
Fats	5	76.2	77.2	89.6	89.6	83.8
Eggs	3	87.7	74.3	85.5	83.5	84.3
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	64	92.1	92.0	91.9	91.9	91.9
Cotton Fabrics	19	82.6	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5
Knit Goods	3	100.5	101.3	98.9	98.9	98.9
Flax, Hemp and Jute Products	6	91.4	90.9	92.2	92.2	92.2
Rayon Fabrics	2	67.4	67.2	67.2	67.2	67.2
Rayon Yarns	2	49.1	49.0	49.0	49.0	49.0
Wool, Raw	3	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7
Wool Hosiery and Knit Goods	5	108.8	108.8	108.8	108.8	108.8
Wool Cloth	6	105.2	105.2	105.2	105.2	105.2
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	101.8	101.4	104.0	106.5	107.3
Newsprint and Wrapping Paper	2	74.0	74.0	74.0	79.5	79.5
Lumber	33	133.0	132.6	139.3	139.3	141.8
Pulp	3	118.1	116.4	119.0	119.0	119.0
Furniture	10	104.7	104.7	104.7	104.7	104.7

COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

	Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1942	April 1942	Feb. 1943	March 1943	April 1943
V.	Iron and Its Products	44	115.1	115.4	115.4	115.4	115.3
	Pig Iron and Steel Billets	3	104.5	104.8	104.8	104.8	104.8
	Rolling Mill Products	14	121.0	121.6	121.5	121.6	121.3
	Hardware	16	93.9	93.9	93.9	93.9	93.9
	Wire	3	100.4	100.4	100.4	100.4	100.4
	Scrap	8	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9
VI.	Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	17	78.4	77.8	79.7	79.7	79.7
	Brass and Copper Products	5	86.7	86.7	86.7	86.7	86.7
	Lead and Its Products	2	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1
	Tin Ingots	2	95.7	96.3	95.6	95.6	95.6
	Zinc and Its Products	2	59.1	59.1	59.1	59.1	59.1
	Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products (V and VI above)	61	102.9	102.9	103.5	103.5	103.4
VII.	Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	31	99.8	99.8	100.6	100.6	100.6
	Clay and Allied Materials Products	10	97.6	96.3	101.3	101.3	101.3
	Coal	13	113.0	111.6	114.4	114.4	114.4
	Coke	1	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5
	Manufactured Gas	3	103.5	103.5	103.5	103.5	103.5
	Glass and Its Products	6	104.4	104.4	104.4	104.4	104.4
	Petroleum Products	5	85.1	85.1	85.1	85.1	85.1
	Asphalt	2	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3
	Salt	4	130.6	130.6	130.6	130.6	130.6
	Lime	4	112.2	112.2	112.2	112.2	112.2
	Cement	1	106.5	106.5	106.5	106.5	106.5
	Sand and Gravel	3	89.0	87.3	89.0	89.0	89.0
	Crushed Stone	3	83.0	80.3	91.1	93.4	93.4
	Building Stone	3	70.8	70.8	70.8	70.8	70.8
	Asbestos	3	74.1	74.1	74.1	74.1	74.1
VIII.	Chemicals and Allied Products	73	102.9	104.5	101.0	101.1	100.5
	Inorganic Chemicals	22	89.0	89.1	88.8	89.3	89.3
	Organic Chemicals	5	90.4	90.4	90.4	90.4	90.4
	Coal Tar Products	2	91.1	91.1	91.1	91.1	91.1
	Dyeing and Tanning Materials	10	136.4	136.4	136.4	136.4	140.0
	Explosives	2	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1
	Paints, Prepared	1	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5
	Drugs and Pharmaceutical Chemicals	8	175.1	176.0	167.7	167.7	162.6
	Fertilizers	10	86.2	88.1	83.7	83.7	83.7
	Industrial Gases	2	83.3	83.5	83.2	83.1	83.2

PURPOSE CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1942	April 1942	Feb. 1943	March 1943	April 1943
I. CONSUMERS' GOODS (Groups A and B)	215	95.8	95.3	96.9	97.1	97.0
A. Foods, Beverages and Tobacco	118	98.0	96.2	100.7	101.4	101.9
B. Other Consumers' Goods	97	94.4	94.7	94.3	94.3	93.8
II. PRODUCERS' GOODS (Groups C and D)	377	88.4	87.8	91.1	92.6	93.1
C. Producers' Equipment	24	109.8	108.5	111.1	111.2	111.2
D. Producers' Materials	353	86.0	85.5	88.9	90.5	91.1

ORIGIN CLASSIFICATION

Total Raw and Partly Manufactured	223	90.1	88.7	93.8	95.6	97.1
Farm Origin - Field	84	73.1	72.0	76.9	80.2	82.0
Farm Origin - Animal	36	102.9	100.7	107.4	108.4	110.5
Marine	7	98.6	93.9	108.1	110.3	110.3
Forest x	37	128.5	127.7	133.1	133.1	134.9
Mineral	59	94.6	93.7	96.2	96.2	95.9
Total Fully and Chiefly Manufactured	302	92.0	91.9	92.8	93.4	92.9
Farm Origin - Field	83	88.6	88.3	89.0	88.9	88.9
Farm Origin - Animal	54	94.4	94.2	96.0	96.0	93.8
Marine	9	118.3	119.5	127.0	128.9	128.9
Forest	20	77.6	77.6	77.6	82.3	82.4
Mineral	136	101.5	101.6	101.8	101.8	101.8

x Included both domestic and export prices.

WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES
(All prices given in Canadian Funds)

Commodity		Yearly Average 1942	April 1942	Feb. 1943	March 1943	April 1943
		$	$	$	$	$
WHEAT, No.1 Man. Northern Ft.William and Pt.Arthur cash basis	bush.	.835	.790	.905	.971	.990
OATS, No.2 C.W. Pt.William and Pt.Arthur, cash basis	bush	.491	.513	.513	.510	.513
FLOUR, First Patent, 2-98's Cotton bags, Toronto		5.050	5.050	5.050	5.050	5.050
SUGAR, Granulated, Montreal	cwt.	6.893	6.893	6.893	6.893	6.893
LINSEED OIL, Raw, Montreal	gal.	.896	.900	.900	.900	.900
STEERS, good up to 1,050 lbs. Toronto	cwt.	10.408	10.360	11.640	11.770	11.750
HOGS, BI, Dressed, Toronto	cwt.	15.726	15.190	16.910	17.160	16.730
PACKER HIDES, Native Steers, Toronto	lb.	.150	.150	.150	.150	.150
LEATHER, Packer crops, No.I and II f.o.b. Distributing points	lb.	.480	.480	.480	.480	.480
BOX SIDES D, f.o.b. Ont. factory	ft.	.240	.240	.240	.240	.240
BUTTER, Creamery prints, first grade Montreal	lb.	.365	.364	.369	.369	.369
CHEESE, Canada, old large, Montreal	lb.	.339	.338	.313	.305	.305
EGGS, Grade "A" large, Montreal	doz.	.406	.330	.403	.387	.385
COTTON YARNS, 10's white single Hosiery cops, Mill	lb.	.303	.315	.293	.293	.293
WOOL, eastern bright ¼ blood Domestic, f.o.b. Ontario	lb.	.310	.310	.310	.310	.310
WOOL, western range, semi-bright ½ blood, domestic, f.o.b. Ontario	lb.	.260	.260	.260	.260	.260
PULP, groundwood, No.1, delivered, Eastern Continental Divide	ton	50 233	49.500	50.600	50.600	50 600
STEEL, Merchant bars, mild, Mill	cwt.	2.754	2.754	2.754	2 754	2.754
PIG IRON, foundry No.1, f.o.b. Plant	gross ton	25.500	25.500	25.500	25.500	25.500
COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic, Montreal	cwt.	11.500	11.500	11.500	11.500	11.500
LEAD, domestic, f.o.b. carlots Montreal	cwt.	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000
TIN INGOTS, Straits, f.o.b. Toronto	lb.	.620	.620	.620	.620	.620
ZINC, domestic, f.o.b. carlots, Montreal	cwt.	5.150	5.150	5.150	5.150	5.150
COAL, Anthracite, Toronto, f.o.b. carlots	ton	12.540	12.553	13.224	13.224	12.414
COAL, Bituminous, N.S., run-of-mine	ton	5.700	5.700	5.700	5.700	5.700
GASOLINE, Standard, Toronto, Federal tax included	gal.	.215	.215	.215	.215	.215
SULPHURIC ACID 66° Baume, f.o.b. works	net ton	18.000	18.000	18.000	18.000	18.000

PRICE INDEX NUMBER SYNOPSIS

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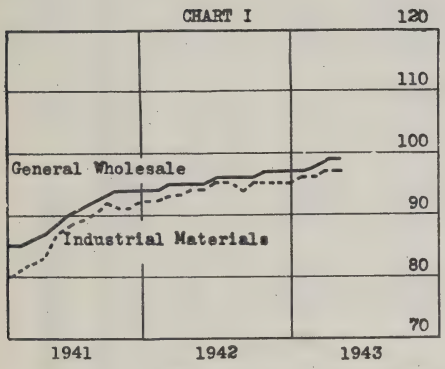

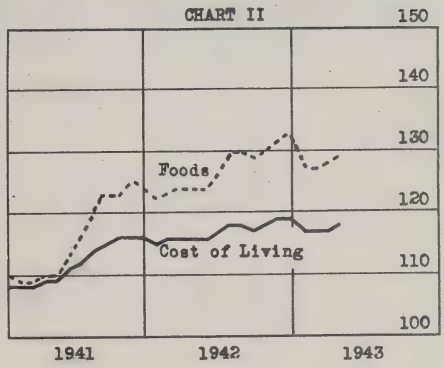

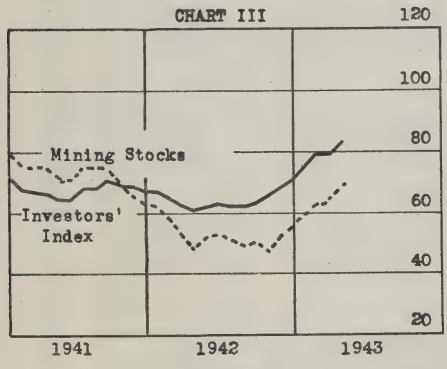

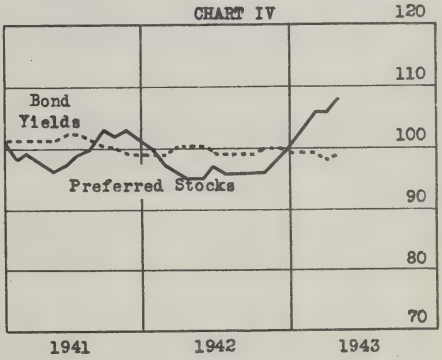

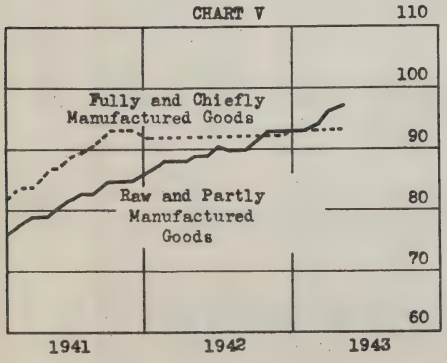

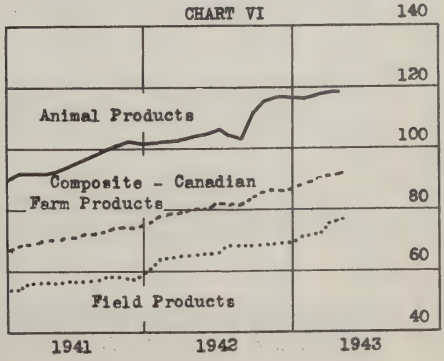

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS IN CANADA, 1939-APRIL 1, 1943

(1935-39=100)

	Percentage Increase Since August 1, 1939	Total Index	Food Index	Rent Index	Fuel and Lighting Index	Clothing Index	Home Furnishings and Services Index	Miscellaneous Index	Retail Prices Index (Commodities only)
1939	0.7	101.5	100.6	103.8	101.2	100.7	101.4	101.4	101.0
1940	4.8	105.6	105.6	106.3	107.1	109.2	107.2	102.3	106.6
1941	10.8	111.7	116.1	109.4	110.3	116.1	113.8	105.1	114.9
1942	16.1	117.0	127.2	111.3	112.8	120.0	117.9	107.1	122.4
1939 - August 1	-	100.8	99.3	103.8	99.0	100.1	100.9	101.3	100.0
1941 - August 1	12.8	113.7	121.3	109.7	110.5	115.7	114.3	106.1	117.7
September 2	13.8	114.7	123.3	109.7	110.9	117.4	115.8	106.4	119.4
October 1	14.6	115.5	123.2	111.2	112.1	119.6	117.3	106.5	120.1
November 1	15.4	116.3	125.4	111.2	112.7	120.0	117.9	106.7	121.4
December 1	14.9	115.8	123.8	111.2	112.7	119.9	117.9	106.7	120.6
1942 - January 2	14.5	115.4	122.3	111.2	112.9	119.9	118.0	106.8	119.9
February 2	14.8	115.7	123.1	111.2	112.9	119.8	118.0	107.1	120.3
March 2	15.0	115.9	123.7	111.2	112.9	119.8	118.0	107.1	120.6
April 1	15.0	115.9	123.7	111.2	112.9	119.8	118.1	107.1	120.6
May 1	15.2	116.1	124.3	111.3	112.9	119.9	118.0	107.1	120.9
June 1	15.8	116.7	126.2	111.3	112.6	119.9	117.9	107.1	121.8
* July 2	17.0	117.9	130.3	111.3	112.5	120.0	117.9	107.1	123.9
August 1	16.8	117.7	129.6	111.3	112.5	120.1	117.8	107.1	123.5
September 1	16.5	117.4	128.5	111.3	112.5	120.1	117.8	107.1	123.0
October 1	16.9	117.8	129.8	111.3	112.8	120.1	117.8	107.1	123.7
November 2	17.7	118.6	132.4	111.3	112.8	120.1	117.8	107.1	125.0
December 1	17.9	118.8	132.8	111.3	112.8	120.2	117.8	107.2	125.2
1943 - January 2	16.2	117.1	127.3	111.3	112.8	120.2	117.8	107.5	122.5
February 1	16.0	116.9	126.7	111.3	112.7	120.1	117.8	107.5	122.2
March 1	16.3	117.2	127.7	111.3	112.7	120.1	117.8	107.5	122.7
April 1	16.7	117.6	128.7	111.3	112.7	120.2	117.8	107.7	123.2

* By Order-in-Council P.C. 6219 as amended, prices of cigarettes and tobacco used in the index for purposes of computing cost-of-living bonuses do not include the tax imposed on June 24, 1942, by the Special War Revenue Act. Since indirect taxes of this kind previously have been included in the index, an April figure reflecting the new tax has been computed to maintain continuity with preceding calculations. This index is 118.5.

INDEX NUMBERS OF TOTAL LIVING COSTS AND FOOD PRICES IN EIGHT REGIONAL CITIES
(August 1939=100)

	Halifax	Saint John	Montreal	Toronto	Winnipeg	Saskatoon	Edmonton	Vancouver
				GENERAL COST OF LIVING				
1940 - February 1 ...	103.4	103.0	104.4	102.5	102.6	104.6	103.1	102.9
April 1 ...	104.9	104.2	105.4	103.2	103.3	105.1	103.7	103.4
June 1 ...	105.5	104.1	106.2	103.4	103.2	104.7	103.8	103.0
August 1 ...	107.5	105.4	107.0	104.2	104.6	105.3	103.7	103.7
October 1 ...	107.0	107.0	108.3	105.1	105.2	106.9	104.2	104.0
December 2 ...	108.0	108.7	109.4	105.8	108.2	108.6	105.6	105.3
1941 - February 1 ...	107.9	108.3	109.8	106.0	106.0	108.7	105.8	106.1
April 1 ...	107.8	108.2	109.9	106.3	106.2	109.0	105.5	105.5
June 2 ...	108.8	108.8	111.9	105.7	107.8	110.3	107.0	107.6
August 1 ...	111.6	112.2	115.1	111.7	110.3	113.1	109.8	110.4
October 1 ...	112.7	113.2	116.3	114.0	112.2	115.7	111.4	112.3
November 1 ...	113.7	114.6	117.2	115.0	113.1	116.4	112.6	112.9
December 1 ...	113.1	114.5	116.8	114.5	113.1	116.4	111.4	112.4
1942 - February 2 ...	113.5	115.2	117.1	114.5	112.4	115.7	110.9	112.1
April 1 ...	113.5	115.1	117.4	114.7	112.6	116.1	111.1	113.2
June 1 ...	114.0	115.4	118.2	115.5	113.1	116.2	112.0	113.1
August 1 ...	115.8	117.2	118.7	116.2	115.0	117.5	114.1	115.0
October 1 ...	115.5	116.6	119.4	116.3	114.5	117.0	113.6	115.4
December 1 ...	116.2	117.3	120.3	116.8	115.6	118.5	115.0	116.8
1943 - February 1 ...	114.7	115.9	118.8	115.3	114.1	116.7	113.5	114.7
April 1 ...	115.7	116.7	119.0	115.4	114.7	117.4	114.1	116.7
				FOODS				
1940 - February 1 ...	106.8	106.1	106.5	103.6	105.6	109.8	106.9	106.1
April 1 ...	108.1	106.2	107.1	104.1	105.6	109.0	106.8	106.0
June 1 ...	106.5	105.6	105.4	103.5	104.6	105.5	106.4	104.5
August 1 ...	112.3	108.4	105.5	104.5	107.9	106.1	104.6	105.8
October 1 ...	112.0	107.9	107.3	105.9	107.0	106.6	105.2	105.6
December 2 ...	115.2	112.5	110.6	107.6	110.3	112.1	109.9	109.0
1941 - February 1 ...	114.4	110.5	111.1	108.0	109.0	111.5	108.2	110.9
April 1 ...	114.0	110.3	111.5	108.8	109.9	112.5	108.1	112.0
June 2 ...	115.2	110.8	115.4	111.3	112.0	111.5	110.6	113.7
August 1 ...	124.6	119.4	124.4	119.6	119.5	120.2	118.9	120.4
October 1 ...	124.7	119.4	125.9	122.3	121.6	126.1	121.5	124.0
November 1 ...	128.1	122.7	127.9	125.5	123.9	127.0	121.9	123.6
December 1 ...	126.4	122.5	126.5	123.5	124.1	127.1	121.1	124.1
1942 - February 2 ...	127.3	124.1	127.1	123.2	121.7	124.9	119.4	122.8
April 1 ...	127.3	123.9	128.0	123.9	122.4	126.2	119.7	123.3
June 1 ...	129.0	124.9	130.7	126.7	124.1	126.5	123.0	126.0
August 1 ...	135.1	130.1	132.3	129.0	129.9	130.7	130.2	131.9
October 1 ...	133.5	128.3	134.0	129.5	128.5	129.1	128.2	133.1
December 1 ...	136.2	130.5	136.9	131.3	132.0	134.3	133.2	137.5
1943 - February 1 ...	130.8	124.6	132.0	126.1	126.3	127.5	126.2	129.4
April 1 ...	132.7	127.0	132.6	126.2	129.0	129.9	128.2	135.8

INVESTORS' MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCKS
(1935-39=100)

Number of Securities 1943	GENERAL	INDUSTRIALS						
	Total 95	Total 68	Machinery and Equipment 8	Pulp and Paper 7	Milling 3	Oils 4	Textiles and Clothing 10	Food and Allied Products 12
1941 - January	71.3	66.9	77.6	74.1	72.3	51.6	110.6	96.8
February	66.5	62.3	72.9	63.8	69.5	48.7	105.0	90.1
March	66.8	63.1	73.6	65.4	69.5	49.5	103.1	87.9
April	65.8	62.3	73.2	63.9	68.6	49.4	101.3	88.6
May	63.9	60.7	71.8	59.7	63.4	51.3	97.4	88.6
June	64.0	60.3	72.0	59.5	67.5	48.0	101.1	90.1
July	67.5	64.0	76.3	66.1	67.5	48.4	105.7	90.5
August	67.8	64.4	76.8	70.2	72.4	49.1	106.3	91.8
September	71.0	67.5	80.5	78.5	75.1	51.3	108.4	93.3
October	69.1	65.5	78.3	75.5	74.5	51.2	105.7	91.9
November	68.8	65.3	78.2	76.4	74.9	52.9	110.0	91.0
December	67.2	63.9	75.5	72.9	72.2	49.0	110.4	91.4
1942 - January	66.8	62.9	74.3	71.9	74.5	45.9	112.8	88.7
February	64.7	60.8	73.4	69.3	69.7	43.6	108.7	85.5
March	62.3	57.8	69.7	66.1	70.9	41.2	104.3	75.8
April	61.1	56.6	70.6	63.2	69.6	41.4	102.4	74.2
May	62.0	57.9	74.7	61.1	70.5	43.2	104.3	73.5
June	62.8	58.4	76.2	61.1	69.6	44.5	106.6	73.9
July	62.4	58.6	76.6	58.9	65.3	46.6	100.4	75.9
August	61.6	58.5	76.0	56.0	61.2	47.5	97.7	75.3
September	62.6	59.8	77.9	55.9	62.0	49.0	99.8	74.2
October	65.0	62.2	80.3	57.8	64.9	51.0	99.6	74.0
November	67.6	64.1	82.5	62.6	72.3	53.7	101.6	77.1
December	71.3	67.2	86.0	71.2	81.9	57.9	109.3	82.5
1943 - January	76.3	72.1	90.3	75.3	82.4	62.9	114.3	88.2
February	78.7	75.6	94.0	75.8	88.3	67.2	117.4	88.1
March	79.1	75.0	96.7	77.1	89.5	65.6	118.1	81.6
April	82.6	77.4	100.8	79.6	93.3	67.7	121.1	87.4

INVESTORS' MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCKS - Concl'd
(1935-39=100)

Number of Securities 1943	INDUSTRIALS - Concl'd			UTILITIES				BANKS
	Beverages	Building Materials	Industrial Mines	Total	Transportation	Telephone Telegraph	Power and Traction	Total
	7	15	2	19	2	2	15	8
1941 - January	104.3	84.0	73.2	77.3	60.9	101.2	75.4	94.7
February	96.6	77.3	67.3	71.3	51.6	100.2	68.8	90.9
March	93.7	78.5	69.0	70.7	55.7	99.2	67.0	89.9
April	88.1	77.8	67.8	68.2	57.3	97.8	62.2	89.7
May	82.8	74.4	62.6	65.2	54.8	91.6	60.3	88.3
June	87.3	74.9	64.2	67.1	58.9	92.0	62.0	89.0
July	94.3	77.8	72.3	70.6	65.8	93.0	65.3	89.7
August	95.7	79.7	71.5	71.2	70.0	94.6	64.4	89.7
September	102.4	82.4	75.8	74.7	70.3	98.6	68.8	91.2
October	98.7	78.9	71.7	72.5	65.7	96.8	67.2	90.8
November	102.6	77.8	68.9	71.1	65.2	95.3	65.5	91.7
December	104.8	75.5	69.7	68.7	60.4	95.9	63.0	90.5
1942 - January	99.2	75.1	71.9	70.4	64.5	95.5	64.4	91.1
February	96.3	73.9	70.1	67.7	60.5	93.5	62.1	91.1
March	92.8	74.0	67.3	67.5	59.4	93.5	62.0	89.4
April	93.1	73.9	64.2	66.3	60.6	91.9	60.2	88.4
May	94.2	75.7	65.2	66.4	59.6	92.0	60.7	87.4
June	93.6	76.8	64.9	68.1	56.6	92.3	64.3	87.7
July	95.5	75.3	62.7	67.8	58.4	86.5	65.2	81.7
August	98.3	73.1	61.9	67.8	58.8	80.8	66.9	71.9
September	98.7	71.2	64.1	69.2	62.5	83.4	67.1	69.0
October	98.9	70.8	68.4	72.0	73.4	83.9	67.9	70.3
November	105.5	74.9	68.0	77.6	85.7	87.1	72.1	72.3
December	107.3	79.6	69.1	83.8	88.2	89.8	80.7	74.4
1943 - January	109.7	84.0	74.3	90.0	92.1	93.3	88.5	76.7
February	111.8	85.0	78.6	88.0	84.7	92.2	88.0	78.6
March	113.9	85.3	79.6	92.1	102.1	93.7	88.6	80.2
April	128.2	89.5	79.7	101.4	123.3	96.8	95.8	80.9

INDEX NUMBERS OF TWENTY-FIVE MINING STOCKS
(1935-39=100)

No. of Stocks 1943	Golds 22	Base Metals 3	Total Index 25
1942 - January	50.5	84.3	61.9
February	45.4	81.5	57.5
March	40.1	75.3	51.9
April	37.5	72.8	49.3
May	39.6	75.8	51.7
June	42.6	74.3	53.2
July	39.3	73.3	50.6
August	38.0	72.3	49.4
September	38.4	72.1	49.7
October	33.3	71.8	46.2
November	40.7	73.2	51.6
December	44.7	74.4	54.7
1943 - January	50.1	79.4	60.0
February	52.0	80.3	61.5
March	55.6	83.4	65.0
April	59.0	87.0	68.6
Weekly Index Numbers			
Week ending March 18th	54.0	82.4	63.6
" " " 25th	56.4	86.0	66.4
" " April 1st	58.2	88.4	68.4
" " " 8th	62.5	89.4	71.7
" " " 15th	60.5	86.5	69.4
" " " 22nd	57.2	86.3	67.1
" " " 29th	55.9	85.9	66.0
" " May 6th	56.4	88.2	67.1

MONTHLY INDEXES OF AMERICAN STOCK PRICES, 1942-1943.
(Issued by Standard and Poor's Trade Securities)
(1935-39=100)

	Composite	Industrials	Railroads	Utilities
1942 - April	63.3	64.8	61.1	56.5
May	63.2	64.7	60.3	57.2
June	66.1	68.2	59.0	58.8
July	68.2	70.6	62.9	58.4
August	68.3	70.5	65.4	58.8
September	69.4	71.6	66.7	59.5
October	74.2	76.5	72.7	63.7
November	75.2	77.2	73.0	66.2
December	75.9	78.5	69.3	65.2
1943 - January	79.7	82.3	73.7	69.3
February	84.8	87.7	77.5	73.3
March	88.2	90.8	86.4	76.2
April	91.3	93.7	92.8	79.1

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MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELDS.* 1937-1943
(1935-1939=100)

	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
January	95.2	102.2	97.3	109.3	100.6	99.4	98.8
February	100.1	100.8	97.2	107.2	100.8	99.3	98.5
March	106.4	100.3	95.4	107.9	100.5	99.6	97.6
April	107.2	97.4	96.3	105.5	100.6	99.6	97.3
May	106.4	96.2	97.8	104.5	101.1	99.5	-
June	105.6	98.0	95.7	107.8	101.9	98.8	-
July	104.4	98.7	96.0	107.0	101.5	98.7	-
August	102.9	98.8	98.6	104.3	101.2	99.0	-
September	103.2	101.9	117.0	103.1	100.3	99.4	-
October	106.2	99.3	111.9	102.6	100.2	99.6	-
November	105.7	97.4	108.4	101.9	99.1	99.6	-
December	102.9	97.2	110.5	101.0	99.3	99.4	-

WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BONDS, 1942-1943

	Yields		Yields		Yields
February 3.....	98.6	March 3.....	97.7	April 7.....	97.3
" 10.....	98.6	" 10.....	97.7	" 14.....	97.3
" 17.....	98.3	" 17.....	97.7	" 21.....	97.3
" 24.....	98.3	" 24.....	97.7	" 28.....	97.3
		" 31.....	97.3		

INDEX NUMBERS OF 30 PREFERRED STOCK PRICES, 1936-1943
(1935-1939=100)

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1936	90.3	93.1	92.0	91.7	90.0	91.9	95.9	97.2	101.1	104.7	109.9	113.3
1937	119.7	121.1	123.8	124.4	120.9	119.8	119.9	122.4	109.9	99.2	98.9	97.7
1938	100.6	99.0	93.5	94.3	96.6	98.7	105.2	104.7	98.1	106.2	105.5	104.3
1939	102.5	101.8	101.2	95.2	95.3	98.8	100.1	97.7	100.5	107.4	108.7	110.1
1940	110.7	109.7	108.8	108.9	96.7	86.9	89.0	93.9	99.1	100.7	103.0	101.7
1941	101.4	97.6	98.7	97.9	96.3	96.8	98.5	100.0	103.2	102.2	102.6	100.7
1942	99.6	96.8	95.6	94.5	95.4	96.5	95.7	95.8	95.6	96.2	97.5	100.4
1943	102.7	105.5	106.4	108.2								

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PRICE MOVEMENTS, MAY, 1943.

WHOLESALE: Increases of 0.8 points in animal products, 0.5 in vegetable products and 0.3 in wood, wood products and paper were sufficient to advance the general level of wholesale prices 0.3 points to 99.2 in May (1926=100). The increase in animal products to 106.5 reflected firmer prices for halibut, furs, sheepskins, livestock, fresh meats, fowl and eggs. These outweighed a decline in milk products due to a drop of 1¢ per lb. in the average price for butter. Vegetable products moved to 90.4 on strength in oranges, rye, onions, potatoes, hay and rosin. An April-May index advance from 107.3 to 107.6 for wood, wood products and paper reflected a rise in the f.o.b. mill price, (contract basis) for newsprint paper because of a reduction of 40¢ per ton in freight rates. Other component group indexes were unchanged at 91.9 for fibres, textiles and textile products, 115.1 for iron and its products; 79.7 for non-ferrous metals; 100.6 for non-metallic minerals and 100.5 for chemicals and allied products.

A composite index for 30 industrial material prices gained 0.1 to 96.8 in May on firmer quotations in the foods section. Higher prices for wheat, steers and hogs offset a minor recession in oats and the index for five foods rose 0.1 to 94.4 during the month. Both the stable series of 12 commodity prices and the manufacturing series of 13 items were unchanged at 116.0 and 82.6 respectively.

Advances in both field and animal products moved the composite Canadian farm product prices index 0.5 points higher to 92.8 in May. Field products showed a gain of 0.6 points to 77.4 reflecting firmer rye quotations coupled with higher prices for potatoes, onions and hay. Upward movements for livestock, sheepskins fowl and eggs were responsible for a gain of 0.5 to 118.7 in animal products.

COST OF LIVING: (Wartime increase 17.2 per cent—from 100.8 to 118.1) The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index advanced from 117.6 on April 1 to 118.1 on May 1. The May increase was affected by group indexes for foods, rents, and miscellaneous items. The food index, which mounted from 128.7 to 129.9, contributed the major part of the advance. Although eggs recorded further slight declines, meats were generally higher and potatoes and onions also increased in price. The rent index gained fractionally from 111.3 to 111.5. The miscellaneous items index increased from 107.7 to 108.0, due to an advance in the periodicals subgroup. Other indexes remained unchanged, fuel and light at 112.7, clothing at 120.2, and homefurnishings and services at 117.8.

SECURITIES: With the exception of mining stocks, security prices continued to move to higher levels in May, coinciding with continued favourable developments on United Nations' battlefronts.

In the industrial and utilities section, pulp and paper stocks were leaders with an advance of 12.2 p.c. to 89.3. Transportation issues, up a further 8.2 p.c. to 133.4, were also prominent while other noteworthy increases were recorded for power and traction issues, up 5.4 p.c. to 101.0; machinery and equipment stocks 3.2 p.c. to 104.0; building materials 2.1 p.c. to 91.4 and food and allied products 1.5 p.c. to 88.7. Sub-groups registering losses for the month were telephone and

telegraph, off 1.9 p.c. at 95.0; milling 1.8 p.c. at 91.6; textiles and clothing 1.0 p.c. at 119.9; industrial mines 0.6 p.c. at 79.2 and banks 0.5 p.c. at 80.5. The composite Investors index for 95 common stocks advanced 1.3 p.c. to 83.7 in May which compared with a peak for the month of 84.8 in the final week.

A composite index for 25 representative mining issues dropped 2.5 p.c. to 66.9 between April and May due to weakness in gold shares. An index for 22 golds dropped 4.1 p.c. to 56.6 while base metal shares held steady at an index level of 87.0.

At 110.1 for May, the preferred stock index for 30 representative issues showed a rise of 1.8 p.c. over April. Most pronounced strength was noted for pulp and paper and power stocks, each being 5.1 p.c. higher; followed by machinery and equipment, up 3.0 p.c.; milling 2.8 p.c.; foods 2.0 p.c.; beverages 1.8 p.c. and building materials 1.1 p.c. Preferred shares for tobacco companies dipped 1.3 p.c. while oils were off 0.5 p.c.

The yield of a Dominion of Canada theoretical 15 year bond, as computed by the Bank of Canada, remained at 3.00 for May. The corresponding index was 97.3, on the base 1935-1939=100). An index of representative Province of Ontario bond yield, compiled from information furnished by Wood, Gundy and Company, Limited, declined from 86.6 for April to 86.4 for May, and yields were 3.05 and 3.04 respectively.

WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES
(1926=100)

	Industrial Materials				Canadian Farm Products			
	February 1943	March 1943	April 1943	May 1943	February 1943	March 1943	April 1943	May 1943
1st Week	96.1	96.4	97.0	96.8	88.0	88.9	92.8	94.5
2nd Week	96.3	96.6	96.9	96.8	88.4	90.3	92.5	94.0
3rd Week	96.4	96.6	96.7	96.8	88.7	91.4	91.9	94.1
4th Week	96.5	96.8	96.8	96.8	88.9	92.4	92.2	94.4
5th Week			96.7				92.5	

SUMMARY TABLES OF CANADIAN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS
(1926=100)

	General Wholesale Price Index	Consumers' Goods	Producers' Goods	Building Materials	Raw and Partly Manufactured Goods	Fully and Chiefly Manufactured Goods
1913	64.0	62.0	67.7	67.0	65.8	64.8
1920	155.9	136.1	164.3	144.0	154.1	156.5
1929	95.6	94.7	96.1	99.0	97.5	95.0
1933	67.1	71.1	63.1	78.3	56.6	70.2
1939	75.4	75.9	70.4	89.7	67.4	75.3
1940	82.9	83.4	78.7	95.6	75.3	81.5
1941	90.0	91.1	83.6	107.3	81.8	88.8
1942	95.7	95.8	88.4	115.2	90.1	92.0
1939						
August	72.3	72.7	66.7	90.2	62.8	72.6
1942						
January	94.1	95.2	86.5	113.6	87.3	91.8
February	94.6	95.2	87.1	114.4	87.9	92.0
March	95.0	95.4	87.4	114.9	88.4	92.1
April	95.0	95.3	87.8	115.1	88.7	91.9
May	95.2	95.2	88.3	115.0	89.4	91.6
June	95.8	96.0	88.7	114.9	90.6	91.5
July	96.1	96.7	88.0	114.5	90.5	91.9
August	95.5	95.4	88.7	114.5	89.8	91.8
September	95.8	95.7	89.2	114.8	90.5	92.0
October	96.6	96.5	89.4	116.5	92.0	92.2
November	97.0	97.0	89.5	116.5	92.6	92.5
December	97.0	96.8	90.1	117.2	92.7	92.7
1943						
January	97.1	96.6	90.8	118.3	93.0	92.7
February	97.5	96.9	91.1	118.3	93.8	92.8
March	98.5	97.1	92.6	118.4	95.6	93.4
April	98.9	97.0	93.1	119.4	97.1	92.9
May	99.2	97.3	93.4	119.4	97.9	92.8

SUMMARY TABLES OF CANADIAN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS - Concl'd
(1926=100)

	Canadian Farm Products			Industrial Materials	Eighteen Sensitive Materials	Twelve Stable Materials
	Field	Animal	Total			
1913	56.4	77.0	64.1	-	-	-
1920	166.5	150.8	160.6	-	-	-
1929	93.8	112.5	100.8	91.8	88.8	96.5
1933	45.8	59.7	51.0	54.1	43.7	75.0
1939	54.2	81.2	64.3	69.0	57.8	89.4
1940	56.0	85.8	67.1	79.0	66.8	101.7
1941	56.5	95.9	71.2	87.3	75.2	109.2
1942	66.5	109.2	82.5	94.2	83.1	113.7
1939						
August	48.2	75.4	58.4	65.3	52.8	88.4
1942						
January	62.8	106.7	79.2	92.4	81.3	111.8
February	64.4	107.3	80.4	93.2	81.8	113.3
March	64.6	107.9	80.8	93.3	82.0	113.3
April	65.0	108.9	81.4	93.5	82.3	113.3
May	65.5	104.8	80.2	94.2	83.0	114.0
June	66.3	107.0	81.5	94.8	83.9	114.0
July	67.7	103.5	81.1	94.6	83.6	114.0
August	68.4	103.0	81.3	94.3	83.1	114.0
September	67.6	112.2	84.3	94.8	83.9	114.0
October	67.9	115.5	85.7	95.0	83.9	114.4
November	68.4	116.7	86.5	94.9	83.8	114.4
December	69.0	117.3	87.1	95.1	84.1	114.4
1943						
January	70.6	116.2	87.7	96.1	84.9	115.6
February	71.6	116.8	88.5	96.3	85.3	115.6
March	75.4	117.6	91.2	96.6	85.8	115.6
April	76.8	118.2	92.3	96.7	85.7	116.0
May	77.4	118.7	92.8	96.8	85.8	116.0

COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Note: Wholesale price indexes appearing in this bulletin are subject to revision.

Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1942	May 1942	March 1943	April 1943	May 1943
Total Index	526	95.7	95.2	98.5	98.9	99.2
1. Vegetable Products	123	84.5	83.8	88.7	89.9	90.4
Fruits	14	107.9	98.4	113.7	122.7	126.7
Fresh	4	115.6	103.3	123.7	135.7	141.1
Dried	4	93.4	93.6	93.7	93.7	93.7
Canned	6	75.9	73.5	73.5	73.5	73.5
Grains	22	63.7	61.9	72.5	73.8	74.0
Flour and Milled Products	12	77.0	75.3	78.9	78.9	78.9
Bakery Products	2	86.8	86.8	86.8	86.8	86.8
Vegetable Oils	4	132.1	132.4	132.2	132.2	132.2
Rubber and Its Products	7	75.7	75.7	75.7	75.7	75.7
Sugar and Its Products and Glucose	8	120.6	120.6	120.6	120.6	120.6
Tea, Coffee, Cocoa and Spices	13	121.3	122.7	109.6	109.6	109.6
Vegetables	13	93.1	99.3	106.7	112.0	116.0
11. Animals and Their Products	75	101.1	99.8	105.6	105.7	106.5
Fishery Products	16	111.0	108.8	120.6	120.6	123.4
Furs	9	74.3	81.9	80.6	94.1	105.3
Hides and Skins	6	114.6	127.2	124.9	125.6	128.1
Leather, Unmanufactured	9	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9
Boots and Shoes	2	105.6	105.3	105.7	105.7	105.7
Live Stock	4	130.7	135.3	147.2	146.6	147.6
Meats and Poultry	9	106.1	105.2	112.6	112.1	113.6
Milk and Its Products	12	97.8	97.1	99.7	99.5	98.7
Fats	5	76.2	75.1	89.6	83.8	83.8
Eggs	3	87.7	72.2	83.5	84.3	84.6
111. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	64	92.1	91.9	91.9	91.9	91.9
Cotton Fabrics	19	82.6	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5
Knit Goods	3	100.5	101.3	98.9	98.9	98.9
Flax, Hemp and Jute Products	6	91.4	90.9	92.2	92.2	92.2
Rayon Fabrics	2	67.4	67.2	67.2	67.2	67.2
Rayon Yarns	2	49.1	49.0	49.0	49.0	49.0
Wool, Raw	3	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7
Wool Hosiery and Knit Goods	5	108.8	108.8	108.8	108.8	108.8
Wool Cloth	6	105.2	105.2	105.2	105.2	105.2
1V. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	101.8	101.8	106.5	107.3	107.6
Newsprint and Wrapping Paper	2	74.0	74.0	79.5	79.5	80.1
Lumber	33	133.0	132.6	139.3	141.8	141.8
Pulp	3	118.1	119.0	119.0	119.0	119.0
Furniture	10	104.7	104.7	104.7	104.7	104.7

COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1942	May 1942	March 1943	April 1943	May 1943
V. Iron and Its Products	44	115.1	115.3	115.4	115.1	115.1
Pig Iron and Steel Billets	3	104.5	104.8	104.8	104.8	104.8
Rolling Mill Products	14	121.0	121.3	121.6	121.3	121.3
Hardware	16	93.9	93.9	93.9	93.9	93.9
Wire	3	100.4	100.4	100.4	100.4	100.4
Scrap	5	111.9	111.9	111.9	109.7	109.7
Vl. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	17	78.4	77.8	79.7	79.7	79.7
Brass and Copper Products	5	86.7	86.7	86.7	86.7	86.7
Lead and Its Products	2	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1
Tin Ingots	2	95.7	96.2	95.6	95.6	95.6
Zinc and Its Products	2	59.1	59.1	59.1	59.1	59.1
Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products (V and Vl above	61	102.9	102.8	103.5	103.3	103.3
Vll. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	81	99.8	99.9	100.6	100.6	100.6
Clay and Allied Materials Products	10	97.6	96.3	101.3	101.3	101.3
Coal	13	113.0	113.7	114.4	114.4	114.4
Coke	4	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5
Manufactured Gas	3	103.5	103.5	103.5	103.5	103.5
Glass and Its Products	6	104.4	104.4	104.4	104.4	104.4
Petroleum Products	5	85.1	85.1	85.1	85.1	85.1
Asphalt	2	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3
Salt	4	130.6	130.6	130.6	130.6	130.6
Lime	4	112.2	112.2	112.2	112.2	112.2
Cement	1	106.5	106.5	106.5	106.5	106.5
Sand and Gravel	8	88.0	87.3	89.0	89.0	89.0
Crushed Stone	3	83.0	80.3	93.4	93.4	93.4
Building Stone	3	70.8	70.8	70.8	70.8	70.8
Asbestos	8	74.1	74.1	74.1	74.1	74.1
Vlll. Chemicals and Allied Products	73	102.9	102.4	101.1	100.5	100.5
Inorganic Chemicals	22	89.0	89.2	89.3	89.3	89.0
Organic Chemicals	5	90.4	90.4	90.4	90.4	90.4
Coal Tar Products	2	91.1	91.1	91.1	91.1	91.1
Dyeing and Tanning Materials	10	136.4	136.4	136.4	140.0	140.0
Explosives	2	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1
Paints, Prepared	1	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5
Drugs and Pharmaceutical Chemicals	8	175.1	176.0	167.7	162.6	162.6
Fertilizers	10	86.2	88.1	83.7	83.7	83.7
Industrial Gases	2	83.3	82.8	83.1	83.2	84.1

PURPOSE CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1942	May 1942	March 1943	April 1943	May 1943
1. CONSUMERS' GOODS (Groups A and B)	215	95.8	95.2	97.1	97.0	97.3
A. Foods, Beverages and Tobacco	118	98.0	96.6	101.4	101.9	102.6
B. Other Consumers' Goods	97	94.4	94.2	94.3	93.8	93.8
11. PRODUCERS' GOODS (Groups C and D)	377	88.4	88.3	92.6	93.1	93.4
C. Producers' Equipment	24	109.8	110.5	111.2	111.2	111.2
D. Producers' Materials	353	86.0	85.8	90.5	91.1	91.4

ORIGIN CLASSIFICATION

Total Raw and Partly Manufactured	223	90.1	89.4	95.6	97.1	97.9
Farm Origin - Field	84	73.1	72.6	80.2	82.0	82.8
Farm Origin - Animal	36	102.9	101.4	108.4	110.5	112.0
Marine	7	98.6	95.9	110.3	110.3	118.5
Forest x	37	128.5	128.5	133.1	134.9	134.9
Mineral	59	94.6	94.6	96.2	95.9	95.8
Total Fully and Chiefly Manufactured	302	92.0	91.6	93.4	92.9	92.8
Farm Origin - Field	83	88.6	87.9	88.9	88.9	88.9
Farm Origin - Animal	54	94.4	93.9	96.0	93.8	93.4
Marine	9	118.3	116.7	128.9	128.9	128.9
Forest	20	77.6	77.6	82.3	82.4	82.9
Mineral	136	101.5	101.5	101.8	101.8	101.7

x Included both domestic and export prices.

WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES
(All prices given in Canadian Funds)

Commodity		Yearly Average 1942	May 1942	March 1943	April 1943	May 1943
		$	$	$	$	$
WHEAT, No.1 Man. Northern Ft. William and Pt.Arthur cash basis	bush.	.835	.793	.971	.990	.990
OATS, No.2 C.W. Ft.William and Pt.Arthur, cash basis	bush	.491	.515	.510	.513	.515
FLOUR, First Patent, 2-98's Cotton bags, Toronto		5.050	5.050	5.050	5.050	5.050
SUGAR, Granulated, Montreal	cwt.	6.893	6.893	6.893	6.893	6.893
LINSEED OIL, Raw, Montreal	gal.	.896	.900	.900	.900	.900
STEERS, good up to 1,050 lbs. Toronto	cwt.	10.408	10.910	11.770	11.750	11.790
HOGS, BI, Dressed, Toronto	cwt.	15.726	15.260	17.160	16.730	16.780
PACKER HIDES, Native Steers, Toronto	lb.	.150	.150	.150	.150	.150
LEATHER, Packer crops, No.1 and 11 f.o.b. Distributing points	lb.	.480	.480	.480	.480	.480
BOX SIDES D, f.o.b. Ont. factory	ft.	.240	.240	.240	.240	.240
BUTTER, Creamery prints, first grade Montreal	lb.	.365	.365	.369	.369	.355
CHEESE, Canada, old large, Montreal	lb.	.339	.340	.305	.305	.305
EGGS, Grade "A" large, Montreal	doz.	.406	.334	.387	.385	.385
COTTON YARNS, 10's white single Hosiery cops, Mill	lb.	.303	.293	.293	.293	.293
WOOL, eastern bright ¼ blood Domestic, f.o.b. Ontario	lb.	.310	.310	.310	.310	.310
WOOL, western range, semi-bright ½ blood, domestic, f.o.b. Ontario	lb.	.260	.260	.260	.260	.260
PULP, groundwood, No.1, delivered, Eastern Continental Divide	ton	50.233	50.600	50.600	50.600	50.600
STEEL, Merchant bars, mild, Mill	cwt.	2.754	2.754	2.754	2.754	2.754
PIG IRON, foundry No.1, f.o.b. Plant	gross ton	25.500	25.500	25.500	25.500	25.500
COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic, Montreal	cwt.	11.500	11.500	11.500	11.500	11.500
LEAD, domestic, f.o.b. carlots Montreal	cwt.	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000
TIN INGOTS, Straits, f.o.b. Toronto	lb.	.620	.620	.620	.620	.620
ZINC, domestic, f.o.b. carlots, Montreal	cwt.	5.150	5.150	5.150	5.150	5.150
COAL, Anthracite, Toronto, f.o.b. carlots	ton	12.540	12.553	13.224	12.414	12.414
COAL, Bituminous, N.S., run-of-mine	ton	5.700	5.700	5.700	5.700	5.700
GASOLINE, Standard, Toronto, Federal tax included	gal.	.215	.215	.215	.215	.215
SULPHURIC ACID 66° Baume, f.o.b. works	net ton	18.000	18.000	18.000	18.000	18.000

PRICE INDEX NUMBER SYNOPSIS

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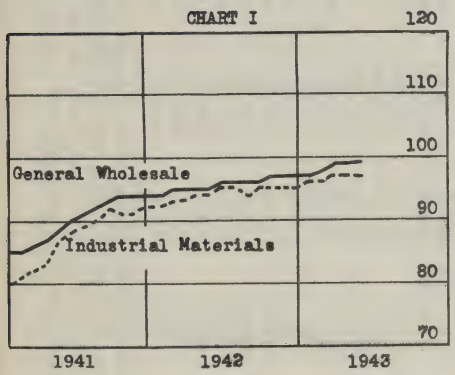

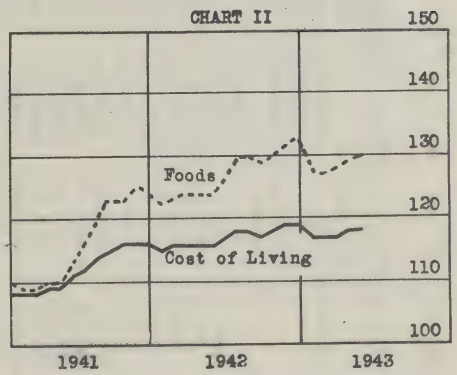

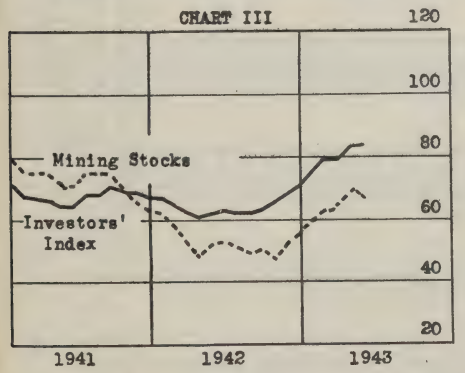

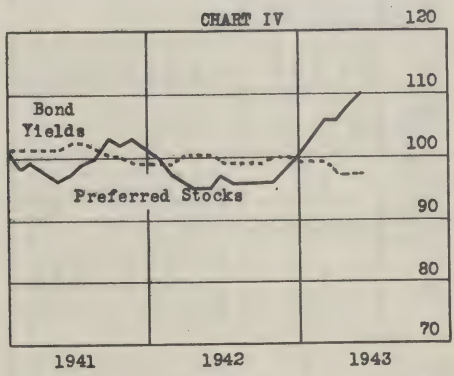

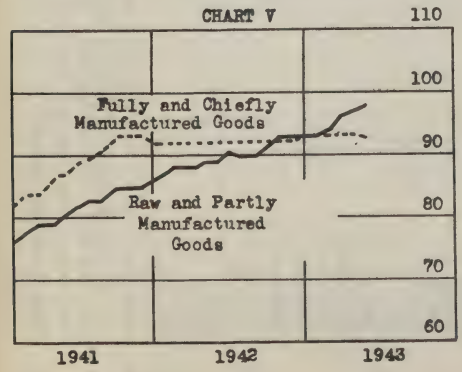

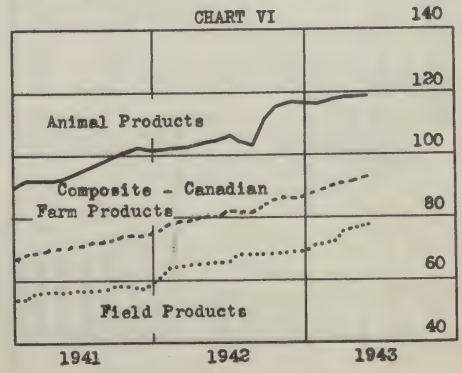

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS IN CANADA, 1939-May 1, 1943
(1935-39=100)

	Percentage Increase Since August 1, 1939	Total Index	Food Index	Rent Index	Fuel and Lighting Index	Clothing Index	Home Furnishing and Services Index	Miscellaneous Index	Retail Prices Index (Commodities only)
1939	0.7	101.5	100.6	103.8	101.2	100.7	101.4	101.4	101.0
1940	4.8	105.6	105.6	106.3	107.1	109.2	107.2	102.3	106.6
1941	10.8	111.7	116.1	109.4	110.3	116.1	113.8	105.1	114.9
1942	16.1	117.0	127.2	111.3	112.8	120.0	117.9	107.1	122.4
1939 - August 1...	-	100.8	99.3	103.8	99.0	100.1	100.9	101.3	100.0
1941 - September 2	13.8	114.7	123.3	109.7	110.9	117.4	115.8	106.4	119.4
October 1..	14.6	115.5	123.2	111.2	112.1	119.6	117.3	106.5	120.1
November 1.	15.4	116.3	125.4	111.2	112.7	120.0	117.9	106.7	121.4
December 1.	14.9	115.8	123.8	111.2	112.7	119.9	117.9	106.7	120.6
1942 - January 2..	14.5	115.4	122.3	111.2	112.9	119.9	118.0	106.8	119.9
February 2.	14.8	115.7	123.1	111.2	112.9	119.8	118.0	107.1	120.3
March 2 ...	15.0	115.9	123.7	111.2	112.9	119.8	118.0	107.1	120.6
April 1 ...	15.0	115.9	123.7	111.2	112.9	119.8	118.1	107.1	120.6
May 1.....	15.2	116.1	124.3	111.3	112.9	119.9	118.0	107.1	120.9
June 1.....	15.8	116.7	126.2	111.3	112.6	119.9	117.9	107.1	121.8
+ July 2	17.0	117.9	130.3	111.3	112.5	120.0	117.9	107.1	123.9
August 1...	16.8	117.7	129.6	111.3	112.5	120.1	117.8	107.1	123.5
September 1	16.5	117.4	128.5	111.3	112.5	120.1	117.8	107.1	123.0
October 1..	16.9	117.8	129.8	111.3	112.8	120.1	117.8	107.1	123.7
November 2.	17.7	118.6	132.4	111.3	112.8	120.1	117.8	107.1	125.0
December 1.	17.9	118.8	132.8	111.3	112.8	120.2	117.8	107.2	125.2
1943 - January 2..	16.2	117.1	127.3	111.3	112.8	120.2	117.8	107.5	122.5
February 1.	16.0	116.9	126.7	111.3	112.7	130.1	117.8	107.5	122.2
March 1....	16.3	117.2	127.7	111.3	112.7	120.1	117.8	107.5	122.7
April 1....	16.7	117.6	128.7	111.3	112.7	120.2	117.8	107.7	123.2
May 1.....	17.2	118.1	129.9	111.5	112.7	120.2	117.8	108.0	124.0

+ By Order-in-Council P.C. 6219 as amended, prices of cigarettes and tobacco used in the index for purposes of computing cost-of-living bonuses do not include the tax imposed on June 24, 1942, by the Special War Revenue Act. Since indirect taxes of this kind previously have been included in the index, a May figure reflecting the new tax has been computed to maintain continuity with preceding calculations. This index is 119.0

INDEX NUMBERS OF RETAIL PRICES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES OF FOOD IN CANADA, AUGUST 1, 1939, AND MAY 1, 1942 - May 1, 1943.
(1935-39=100)

	Beef Sirloin	Beef Blade	Veal Roast	Lamb Roast	Pork Fresh	Bacon Breakfast	Lard Pure	Eggs Grade "A"	Milk Fresh	Butter Creamery
1939 - Aug. 1 ...	110.7	111.4	105.5	109.3	105.8	97.4	73.4	91.5	100.0	88.7
1942 - May 1	137.1	155.9	153.5	127.7	134.8	129.3	105.2	106.6	111.0	127.2
June 1 ...	145.5	166.4	158.5	132.7	136.0	129.3	105.2	106.6	111.0	127.2
July 2 ...	156.5	181.8	164.1	151.9	137.7	130.4	104.5	113.0	111.0	126.2
Aug. 1 ...	153.3	177.6	162.3	147.7	137.2	130.7	103.9	120.2	111.0	125.9
Sept. 1 ..	147.8	170.6	164.1	135.4	137.2	131.0	102.6	134.1	111.9	126.5
Oct. 1 ...	145.8	167.1	164.8	133.1	136.8	131.9	103.2	151.7	112.8	127.8
Nov. 2 ...	150.2	174.8	168.5	132.7	138.1	132.5	105.2	167.4	112.8	129.4
Dec. 1 ...	150.2	174.8	167.9	133.5	138.9	133.4	109.1	170.1	112.8	132.7
1943 - Jan. 2 ...	151.4	176.9	170.4	137.7	138.9	134.0	113.6	155.3	94.5	129.4
Feb. 1 ...	151.8	179.0	174.2	144.6	139.7	134.6	116.2	134.1	94.5	129.4
Mar. 1	154.9	183.9	178.0	146.9	140.5	135.2	118.2	130.2	95.4	129.4
April 1 ..	156.5	187.4	183.6	148.5	142.1	135.5	118.8	124.8	95.4	129.4
May 1	158.1	191.6	186.8	150.0	143.3	135.2	119.5	122.7	95.4	129.1

	Cheese Canadian	Potatoes	Tomatoes Canned	Bread White	Flour Household	Raisins	Jam Strawberry	Sugar Granulated	Tea	Weighted Food Index (46 Items)
1939 - Aug. 1 ...	98.2	126.4	91.3	98.4	78.4	100.0	96.5	101.6	105.6	99.3
1942 - May 1	168.5	158.5	118.8	104.8	100.0	104.2	105.9	134.4	155.4	124.3
June 1 ...	165.7	166.3	118.8	104.8	100.0	104.2	105.9	134.4	155.8	126.2
July 2	163.4	234.5	118.8	104.8	100.0	104.2	105.9	134.4	156.2	130.3
Aug. 1 ...	162.4	220.5	118.8	104.8	100.0	103.6	106.5	134.4	156.3	129.6
Sept. 1 ..	161.5	169.4	118.8	104.8	100.0	103.6	106.5	134.4	156.3	128.5
Oct. 1 ...	160.6	151.9	118.8	104.8	100.0	101.8	107.1	134.4	156.3	129.8
Nov. 2 ...	160.1	153.1	118.8	104.8	100.0	100.6	107.7	134.4	156.3	132.4
Dec. 1 ...	160.1	154.7	118.8	104.8	100.0	98.8	107.7	134.4	156.3	132.8
1943 - Jan. 2 ...	159.6	158.5	118.8	104.8	100.0	97.0	108.3	134.4	138.7	127.3
Feb. 1 ...	159.6	165.5	119.7	104.8	100.0	97.6	108.3	134.4	138.4	126.7
Mar. 1 ...	159.6	170.9	119.7	104.8	100.0	99.6	108.9	134.4	138.4	127.7
April 1 ..	160.6	181.0	120.5	104.8	100.0	101.6	109.5	134.4	138.4	128.7
May 1	161.5	194.6	120.5	104.8	100.0	102.9	108.9	134.4	138.7	129.9

INVESTORS' MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCKS
(1935-39=100

Number of Securities 1943	GENERAL	INDUSTRIALS						
	Total	Total	Machinery and Equipment	Pulp and Paper	Milling	Oils	Textiles and Clothing	Food and Allied Products
	95	68	8	7	3	4	10	12
1941 - January	71.3	66.9	77.6	74.1	72.3	51.6	110.6	96.8
February	66.5	62.3	72.9	63.8	69.5	48.7	105.0	90.1
March	66.8	63.1	73.6	65.4	69.5	49.5	103.1	87.9
April	65.8	62.3	73.2	63.9	68.6	49.4	101.3	88.6
May	63.9	60.7	71.8	59.7	63.4	51.3	97.4	88.6
June	64.0	60.3	72.0	59.5	67.5	48.0	101.1	90.1
July	67.5	64.0	76.3	66.1	67.5	48.4	105.7	90.5
August	67.8	64.4	76.8	70.2	72.4	49.1	106.3	91.8
September	71.0	67.5	80.5	78.5	75.1	51.3	108.4	93.3
October	69.1	65.5	78.3	75.5	74.5	51.2	105.7	91.9
November	68.8	65.3	78.2	76.4	74.9	52.9	110.0	91.0
December	67.2	63.9	75.5	72.9	72.2	49.0	110.4	91.4
1942 - January	66.8	62.9	74.3	71.9	74.5	45.9	112.8	88.7
February	64.7	60.8	73.4	69.3	69.7	43.6	108.7	85.5
March	62.3	57.8	69.7	66.1	70.9	41.2	104.3	75.8
April	61.1	56.6	70.6	63.2	69.6	41.4	102.4	74.2
May	62.0	57.9	74.7	61.1	70.5	43.2	104.3	73.5
June	62.8	58.4	76.2	61.1	69.6	44.5	106.6	73.9
July	62.4	58.6	76.6	58.9	65.3	46.6	100.4	75.9
August	61.6	58.5	76.0	56.0	61.2	47.5	97.7	75.3
September	62.6	59.8	77.9	55.9	62.0	49.0	99.8	74.2
October	65.0	62.2	80.3	57.8	64.9	51.0	99.6	74.0
November	67.6	64.1	82.5	62.6	72.3	53.7	101.6	77.1
December	71.3	67.2	86.0	71.2	81.9	57.9	109.3	82.5
1943 - January	76.3	72.1	90.3	75.3	82.4	62.9	114.3	88.2
February	78.7	75.6	94.0	75.8	88.3	67.2	117.4	88.1
March	79.1	75.0	96.7	77.1	89.5	65.6	118.1	81.6
April	82.6	77.4	100.8	79.6	93.3	67.7	121.1	87.4
May	83.7	77.6	104.0	89.3	91.6	67.9	119.9	88.7

INVESTORS' MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCKS - Concl'd
(1935-39=100)

Number of Securities 1943	INDUSTRIALS - Concl'd				UTILITIES				BANKS
	Beverages 7	Building Materials 15	Industrial Mines 2	Total 19	Transportation 2	Telephone Telegraph 2	Power and Traction 15		Total 8
1941 - January	104.3	84.0	73.2	77.3	60.9	101.2	75.4		94.7
February	96.6	77.3	67.3	71.3	51.6	100.2	68.8		90.9
March	93.7	78.5	69.0	70.7	55.7	99.2	67.0		89.9
April	88.1	77.8	67.8	68.2	57.3	97.8	62.2		89.7
May	82.8	74.4	62.6	65.2	54.8	91.6	60.3		88.3
June	87.3	74.9	64.2	67.1	58.9	92.0	62.0		89.0
July	94.3	77.8	72.3	70.6	65.8	93.0	65.3		89.7
August	95.7	79.7	71.5	71.2	70.0	94.6	64.4		89.7
September	102.4	82.4	75.8	74.7	70.3	98.6	68.8		91.2
October	98.7	78.9	71.7	72.5	65.7	96.8	67.2		90.8
November	102.6	77.8	68.9	71.1	65.2	95.3	65.5		91.7
December	104.8	75.5	69.7	68.7	60.4	95.9	63.0		90.5
1942 - January	99.2	75.1	71.9	70.4	64.5	95.5	64.4		91.1
February	96.3	73.9	70.1	67.7	60.5	93.5	62.1		91.1
March	92.8	74.0	67.3	67.5	59.4	93.5	62.0		89.4
April	93.1	73.9	64.2	66.3	60.6	91.9	60.2		88.4
May	94.2	75.7	65.2	66.4	59.6	92.0	60.7		87.4
June	93.6	76.8	64.9	68.1	56.6	92.3	64.3		87.7
July	95.5	75.3	62.7	67.8	58.4	86.5	65.2		81.7
August	98.3	73.1	61.9	67.8	58.8	80.8	66.9		71.9
September	98.7	71.2	64.1	69.2	62.5	83.4	67.1		69.0
October	98.9	70.8	68.4	72.0	73.4	83.9	67.9		70.3
November	105.5	74.9	68.0	77.6	85.7	87.1	72.1		72.3
December	107.3	79.6	69.1	83.8	88.2	89.8	80.7		74.4
1943 - January	109.7	84.0	74.3	90.0	92.1	93.3	88.5		76.7
February	111.8	85.0	78.6	88.0	84.7	92.2	88.0		78.6
March	113.9	85.3	79.6	92.1	102.1	93.7	88.6		80.2
April	128.2	89.5	79.7	101.4	123.3	96.8	95.8		80.9
May	128.1	91.4	79.2	106.2	133.4	95.0	101.0		80.5

INDEX NUMBERS OF TWENTY-FIVE MINING STOCKS
(1935-39=100)

No. of Stocks 1943	Golds 22	Base Metals 3	Total Index 25
1942 - January	50.5	84.3	61.9
February	45.4	81.5	57.5
March	40.1	75.3	51.9
April	37.5	72.8	49.3
May	39.6	75.8	51.7
June	42.6	74.3	53.2
July	39.3	73.3	50.6
August	38.0	72.3	49.4
September	38.4	72.1	49.7
October	33.3	71.8	46.2
November	40.7	73.2	51.6
December	44.7	74.4	54.7
1943 - January	50.1	79.4	60.0
February	52.0	80.3	61.5
March	55.6	83.4	65.0
April	59.0	87.0	68.6
May	56.6	87.0	66.9
Weekly Index Numbers			
Week ending April 22nd	57.2	86.3	67.1
" " " 29th	55.9	85.9	66.0
" " May 6th	56.4	88.2	67.1
" " " 13th	56.7	87.6	67.1
" " " 20th	56.5	87.7	67.0
" " " 27th	55.1	86.5	65.6
" " June 3rd	58.4	85.1	67.5
" " " 10th	59.6	87.2	69.0

MONTHLY INDEXES OF AMERICAN STOCK PRICES, 1942-1943.
(Issued by Standard and Poor's Trade Securities)
(1935-39=100)

	Composite	Industrials	Railroads	Utilities
1942 - April	63.3	64.8	61.1	56.5
May	63.2	64.7	60.3	57.2
June	66.1	68.2	59.0	58.8
July	68.2	70.6	62.9	58.4
August	68.3	70.5	65.4	58.8
September	69.4	71.6	66.7	59.5
October	74.2	76.5	72.7	63.7
November	75.2	77.2	73.0	66.2
December	75.9	78.5	69.3	65.2
1943 - January	79.7	82.3	73.7	69.3
February	84.8	87.7	77.5	73.3
March	88.2	90.8	86.4	76.2
April	91.3	93.7	92.8	79.1

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MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELDS, - 1937-1943
(1935-1939=100)

	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
January	95.2	102.2	97.3	109.3	100.6	99.4	98.8
February	100.1	100.8	97.2	107.2	100.8	99.3	98.5
March	106.4	100.3	95.4	107.9	100.5	99.6	97.6
April	107.2	97.4	96.3	105.5	100.6	99.6	97.3
May	106.4	96.2	97.8	104.5	101.1	99.5	97.3
June	105.6	98.0	95.7	107.8	101.9	98.8	-
July	104.4	98.7	96.0	107.0	101.5	98.7	-
August	102.9	98.8	98.6	104.3	101.2	99.0	-
September	103.2	101.9	117.0	103.1	100.3	99.4	-
October	106.2	99.3	111.9	102.6	100.2	99.6	-
November	105.7	97.4	108.4	101.9	99.1	99.6	-
December	102.9	97.2	110.5	101.0	99.3	99.4	-

WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BONDS, 1943

	Yields		Yields		Yields
March 3	97.7	April 7	97.3	May 5	97.3
" 10	97.7	" 14	97.3	" 12	97.3
" 17	97.7	" 21	97.3	" 19	97.3
" 24	97.7	" 28	97.3	" 26	97.3
" 31	97.3				

INDEX NUMBERS OF 30 PREFERRED STOCK PRICES, 1936-1943
(1935-1939=100)

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1936 ...	90.3	93.1	92.0	91.7	90.0	91.9	95.9	97.2	101.1	104.7	109.9	113.3
1937 ...	119.7	121.1	123.8	124.4	120.9	119.8	119.9	122.4	109.8	99.2	98.9	97.7
1938 ...	100.6	99.0	93.5	94.3	96.6	98.7	105.2	104.7	98.1	106.2	105.5	104.8
1939 ...	102.5	101.8	101.2	95.2	95.3	98.8	100.1	97.7	100.5	107.4	108.7	110.1
1940 ...	110.7	109.7	108.8	108.9	96.7	86.9	89.0	93.9	99.1	100.7	103.0	101.7
1941 ...	101.4	97.6	98.7	97.9	96.3	96.8	98.5	100.0	103.2	102.2	102.6	100.7
1942 ...	99.6	96.8	95.6	94.5	95.4	96.5	95.7	95.8	95.6	96.2	97.5	100.4
1943 ...	102.7	105.5	106.4	108.2	110.1							

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PRICE MOVEMENTS, JUNE, 1943.

WHOLESALE: The Bureau's composite wholesale price index advanced 0.3 points to 99.5 in June. Principal strength was noted among vegetable products, which rose 0.9 points to 91.3 on price increases for lemons, bananas, wheat, barley, rye, Ontario wheat flour, onions and potatoes. These overbalanced lower quotations for oranges and hay. In the animal products group an advance of 0.2 to 106.7 reflected further upturns for furs, steers, lambs, certain fresh meats, fluid milk at Vancouver, eggs, canned lobster and mackerel. Lower items in this group were sheepskins, fowl, butter and halibut. Small advances for calcium carbide and acetylene were responsible for an increase of 0.1 to 100.6 in chemicals and allied products while non-metallic minerals dipped 0.3 to 100.3 due to lower prices for gravel and crushed stone. Other groups were unchanged at 91.9 for fibres, textiles and textile products; 107.6 for wood, wood products and paper; 115.1 for iron and its products and 79.7 for non-ferrous metals.

Strength in foods was responsible for a June advance of 0.5 points to 97.3 in the composite index for 30 industrial materials. On increases for steers and oats the index for five food materials moved 1.6 points higher to 96.0. The manufacturing index of 13 materials and the stable group of 12 commodities continued unchanged at 82.6 and 116.0 respectively.

Due to advances for both field and animal products the composite Canadian farm products index gained a further 1.6 points to 94.4 in June. Field products recorded an advance of 2.0 points to 79.4 during the month on higher prices for grains, potatoes and onions which offset a decline in hay. Animal products stiffened 0.7 points to 119.4 with increases for livestock, eggs and raw wool more than counter-balancing declines for sheepskins and fowl.

COST OF LIVING: (Wartime increase 17.6 per cent -- from 100.8 to 118.5). The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index advanced from 118.1 on May 1 to 118.5 on June 1. The greater part of this increase came from foods, but indexes for fuel and light, clothing and miscellaneous items also registered fractional gains. The food index advanced from 129.9 to 130.9. Prices for eggs, meats, potatoes and oranges were higher, although butter averaged a cent a pound lower. The fuel and light index mounted from 112.7 to 113.0, while scattered increases in men's wear and piece goods advanced the clothing index from 120.2 to 120.4. The miscellaneous group moved from 108.0 to 108.2 following an upward change in motor operating costs. Other group indexes remained unchanged, rents at 111.5 and home furnishings and services at 117.8.

From April 1 to June 1 eight regional city cost-of-living indexes advanced further by amounts ranging from 1.6 points for Montreal to 0.2 points for Vancouver. During the same interval the Dominion cost-of-living index moved up 0.9 points.

Food prices continued to be mainly responsible for increases which occurred although scattered advances were also recorded in the fuel, clothing and miscellaneous groups. Wartime percentage increases in food indexes to June 1, 1943 have been as follows: Halifax 36.3, Saint John 30.1, Montreal 37.3, Toronto 28.3,

Winnipeg 29.7, Saskatoon 31.2, Edmonton 31.6, and Vancouver 34.7.

Wartime percentage increases in total living cost indexes to June 1943 are: Halifax 17.1, Saint John 17.8, Montreal 20.6, Toronto 16.3, Winnipeg 15.1, Saskatoon 17.8, Edmonton 15.2, and Vancouver 16.7. The corresponding Dominion percentage increase is 17.6.

SECURITIES : Extending an advance which has been in progress since the early autumn of 1942 security prices touched new peaks in June 1943.

The Investors' composite monthly index for 95 common stocks which averaged 86.3 in June (1935-39=100) showed a gain of 3.1 p.c. over May. Utilities made the largest gain, recording an advance of 4.6 p.c. to 111.1 while 68 industrials moved 2.8 p.c. higher to 79.8. Among sub-groups registering substantial increases during the month were power and traction issues 10.0 p.c. higher at 111.1; oils up 7.8 p.c. at 73.2; pulp and paper shares 6.0 p.c. at 94.7; milling 4.8 p.c. at 96.0; machinery and equipment 4.4 p.c. at 108.6 and beverages 4.2 p.c. at 133.5. Two sub-groups were lower, transportation shares recording a reduction of 5.3 p.c. to 126.3 and industrial mines 2.4 p.c. to 77.3. Twenty-five mining stocks were 2.2 p.c. higher in June at 68.4, reaching their highest level since October 1941. Firmer prices for gold shares accounted for the rise, the index for 22 issues moving up 4.4 p.c. to 59.1. Base metals weakened 0.8 p.c. to 86.3 in the same interval.

Substantial strength in pulp and paper company issues, up 13 p.c., paced the advance in preferred stocks in June. The composite index for 30 representative issues gained 2.9 p.c. to 113.3 to reach their highest level since August 1937. Gains among other sub-groups included machinery and equipment shares and foods, each up 4.1 p.c. and power stocks which were 4.0 p.c. higher.

June was the third successive month in which the yield of a Dominion of Canada theoretical 15-year bond, as computed by the Bank of Canada, stood at 3.00. This was 97.3 p.c. of the 1935-1939 average. An index of representative Province of Ontario bond yields, compiled from information furnished by Wood, Gundy and Company, Limited, receded from 86.4 for May to 85.2 for June. Corresponding yields were 3.04 and 3.00 respectively.

WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES
(1926=100)

	Industrial Materials				Canadian Farm Products			
	March 1943	April 1943	May 1943	June 1943	March 1943	April 1943	May 1943	June 1943
1st Week	96.4	97.0	96.8	96.8	88.9	92.8	x 93.4	93.6
2nd Week	96.6	96.9	96.8	97.1	90.3	92.5	x 92.7	94.3
3rd Week	96.6	96.7	96.8	97.2	91.4	91.9	x 92.9	94.8
4th Week	96.8	96.8	96.9	97.1	92.4	92.2	x 93.2	94.0
5th Week		96.7				92.5		

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SUMMARY TABLES OF CANADIAN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS
(1926=100)

	General Wholesale Price Index	Consumers' Goods	Producers' Goods	Building Materials	Raw and Partly Manufactured Goods	Fully and Chiefly Manufactured Goods
1913	64.0	62.0	67.7	67.0	63.8	64.8
1920	155.9	136.1	164.3	144.0	154.1	156.5
1929	95.6	94.7	96.1	99.0	97.5	93.0
1933	67.1	71.1	63.1	78.3	56.6	70.2
1939	75.4	75.9	70.4	89.7	67.4	75.3
1940	82.9	83.4	78.7	95.6	75.3	81.5
1941	90.0	91.1	83.6	107.3	81.8	88.8
1942	95.7	95.8	88.4	115.2	90.1	92.0
1939						
August	72.3	72.7	66.7	90.2	62.8	72.6
1942						
January	94.1	95.2	86.5	113.6	87.3	91.8
February	94.6	95.2	87.1	114.4	87.9	92.0
March	95.0	95.4	87.4	114.9	88.4	92.1
April	95.0	95.3	87.8	115.1	88.7	91.9
May	95.2	95.2	88.3	115.0	89.4	91.6
June	95.8	96.0	88.7	114.9	90.6	91.5
July	96.1	96.7	88.0	114.5	90.5	91.9
August	95.5	95.4	88.7	114.5	89.8	91.8
September	95.8	95.7	89.2	114.8	90.5	92.0
October	96.6	96.5	89.4	116.5	92.0	92.2
November	97.0	97.0	89.5	116.5	92.6	92.5
December	97.0	96.8	90.1	117.2	92.7	92.7
1943						
January	97.1	96.6	90.8	118.3	93.0	92.7
February	97.5	96.9	91.1	118.3	93.8	92.8
March	98.5	97.1	92.6	118.4	95.6	93.4
April	98.9	97.0	93.1	119.4	97.1	92.9
May	99.2	97.3	93.4	119.4	97.9	92.8
June	99.5	97.5	93.9	119.1	98.5	92.9

SUMMARY TABLES OF CANADIAN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS - Concl'd
(1926=100)

	Canadian Farm Products			Industrial Materials	Eighteen Sensitive Materials	Twelve Stable Materials
	Field	Animal	Total			
1913	56.4	77.0	64.1	-	-	-
1920	166.5	150.8	160.6	-	-	-
1929	93.8	112.5	100.8	91.8	88.8	96.5
1933	45.8	59.7	51.0	54.1	43.7	75.0
1939	54.2	81.2	64.3	69.0	57.8	89.4
1940	56.0	85.8	67.1	79.0	66.8	101.7
1941	56.5	95.9	71.2	87.3	75.2	109.2
1942	66.5	109.2	82.5	94.2	83.1	113.7
1939						
August	48.2	75.4	58.4	65.3	52.8	88.4
1942						
January	62.8	106.7	79.2	92.4	81.3	111.8
February	64.4	107.3	80.4	93.2	81.8	113.3
March	64.6	107.9	80.8	93.3	82.0	113.3
April	65.0	108.9	81.4	93.5	82.3	113.3
May	65.5	104.8	80.2	94.2	83.0	114.0
June	66.3	107.0	81.5	94.8	83.9	114.0
July	67.7	103.5	81.1	94.6	83.6	114.0
August	68.4	103.0	81.3	94.3	83.1	114.0
September	67.6	112.2	84.3	94.8	83.9	114.0
October	67.9	115.5	85.7	95.0	83.9	114.4
November	68.4	116.7	86.5	94.9	83.8	114.4
December	69.0	117.3	87.1	95.1	84.1	114.4
1943						
January	70.6	116.2	87.7	96.1	84.9	115.6
February	71.6	116.8	88.5	96.3	85.3	115.6
March	75.4	117.6	91.2	96.6	85.8	115.6
April	76.8	118.2	92.3	96.7	85.7	116.0
May	77.4	118.7	92.8	96.8	85.8	116.0
June	79.4	119.4	94.4	97.3	86.2	116.0

COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Note: Wholesale price indexes appearing in this bulletin are subject to revision.

	Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1942	June 1942	April 1943	May 1943	June 1943
	Total Index	526	95.7	95.8	98.9	99.2	99.5
1.	Vegetable Products	123	84.5	84.4	89.9	90.4	91.3
	Fruits	14	107.9	104.1	122.7	126.7	120.8
	Fresh	4	115.6	111.0	135.7	141.1	133.2
	Dried	4	93.4	93.6	93.7	93.7	93.7
	Canned	6	75.9	73.5	73.5	73.5	73.5
	Grains	22	63.7	62.5	73.8	74.0	75.3
	Flour and Milled Products	12	77.0	75.3	78.9	78.9	79.1
	Bakery Products	2	86.8	86.8	86.8	86.8	86.8
	Vegetable Oils	4	132.1	132.4	132.2	132.2	132.5
	Rubber and Its Products	7	75.7	75.7	75.7	75.7	75.7
	Sugar and Its Products and Glucose	8	120.6	120.6	120.6	120.6	120.6
	Tea, Coffee, Cocoa and Spices	13	121.3	122.7	109.6	109.6	110.9
	Vegetables	13	93.1	103.6	112.0	116.0	125.9
11.	Animals and Their Products	75	101.1	102.2	105.7	106.5	106.7
	Fishery Products	16	111.0	111.6	120.6	123.4	126.0
	Furs	9	74.3	81.9	94.1	105.3	105.3
	Hides and Skins	6	114.6	95.9	125.6	128.1	120.0
	Leather, Unmanufactured	9	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9
	Boots and Shoes	2	105.6	105.3	105.7	105.7	105.7
	Live Stock	4	130.7	149.5	146.6	147.6	153.0
	Meats and Poultry	9	106.1	112.9	112.1	113.6	113.2
	Milk and Its Products	12	97.8	95.8	99.5	98.7	98.2
	Fats	5	76.2	75.0	83.8	83.8	83.8
	Eggs	3	87.7	75.2	84.3	84.6	87.3
111.	Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	64	92.0	91.9	91.9	91.9	91.9
	Cotton Fabrics	19	82.6	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5
	Knit Goods	3	100.5	101.3	98.9	98.9	98.9
	Flax, Hemp and Jute Products	6	91.4	90.9	92.2	92.2	92.2
	Rayon Fabrics	2	67.4	67.2	67.2	67.2	67.2
	Rayon Yarns	2	49.1	49.0	49.0	49.0	49.0
	Wool, Raw	3	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7
	Wool Hosiery and Knit Goods	5	108.8	108.8	108.8	108.8	108.8
	Wool Cloth	6	105.2	105.2	105.2	105.2	105.2
1V.	Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	101.8	101.8	107.3	107.6	107.6
	Newsprint and Wrapping Paper	2	74.0	74.0	79.5	80.1	80.1
	Lumber	33	133.0	132.6	141.8	141.8	141.8
	Pulp	3	118.1	119.0	119.0	119.0	119.0
	Furniture	10	104.7	104.7	104.7	104.7	104.7

COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

	Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1942	June 1942	April 1943	May 1943	June 1943
V.	Iron and Its Products	44	115.1	115.3	115.1	115.1	115.1
	Pig Iron and Steel Billets	3	104.5	104.8	104.8	104.8	104.8
	Rolling Mill Products	14	121.0	121.3	121.3	121.3	121.3
	Hardware	16	93.9	93.9	93.9	93.9	93.9
	Wire	3	100.4	100.4	100.4	100.4	100.4
	Scrap	5	111.9	111.9	109.7	109.7	109.7
VI.	Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	17	78.4	77.8	79.7	79.7	79.7
	Brass and Copper Products	5	86.7	86.7	86.7	86.7	86.7
	Lead and Its Products	2	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1
	Tin Ingots	2	95.7	96.2	95.6	95.6	95.6
	Zinc and Its Products	2	59.1	59.1	59.1	59.1	59.1
	Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products (V and VI above	61	102.9	102.8	103.3	103.3	103.3
VII.	Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	81	99.8	100.0	100.6	100.6	100.3
	Clay and Allied Materials Products	10	97.6	96.3	101.3	101.3	101.3
	Coal	13	113.0	113.7	114.4	114.4	114.4
	Coke	4	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5
	Manufactured Gas	3	103.5	103.5	103.5	103.5	103.5
	Glass and Its Products	6	104.4	104.4	104.4	104.4	104.4
	Petroleum Products	5	85.1	85.1	85.1	85.1	85.1
	Asphalt	2	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3
	Salt	4	130.6	130.6	130.6	130.6	130.6
	Lime	4	112.2	112.2	112.2	112.2	112.2
	Cement	1	106.5	106.5	106.5	106.5	106.5
	Sand and Gravel	8	88.0	87.3	89.0	89.0	87.3
	Crushed Stone	3	83.0	80.3	93.4	93.4	80.3
	Building Stone	3	70.8	70.8	70.8	70.8	70.8
	Asbestos	8	74.1	74.1	74.1	74.1	74.1
VIII.	Chemicals and Allied Products	73	102.9	102.2	100.5	100.5	100.6
	Inorganic Chemicals	22	89.0	88.8	89.3	89.0	89.4
	Organic Chemicals	5	90.4	90.4	90.4	90.4	90.4
	Coal Tar Products	2	91.1	91.1	91.1	91.1	91.1
	Dyeing and Tanning Materials	10	136.4	136.4	140.0	140.0	140.0
	Explosives	2	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1
	Paints, Prepared	1	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5
	Drugs and Pharmaceutical Chemicals	8	175.1	173.0	162.6	162.6	162.6
	Fertilizers	10	86.2	84.9	83.7	83.7	83.7
	Industrial Gases	2	83.3	83.2	83.2	84.1	84.4

PURPOSE CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1942	June 1942	April 1943	May 1943	June 1943
I. CONSUMERS' GOODS (Groups A and B)	215	95.8	96.0	97.0	97.3	97.5
A. Foods, Beverages and Tobacco	118	98.0	98.7	101.9	102.6	103.1
B. Other Consumers' Goods	97	94.4	94.2	93.8	93.8	93.8
II. PRODUCERS' GOODS (Groups C and D)	377	88.4	88.7	93.1	93.4	93.9
C. Producers' Equipment	24	109.8	110.4	111.2	111.2	111.2
D. Producers' Materials	353	86.0	86.3	91.1	91.4	92.0
ORIGIN CLASSIFICATION						
Total Raw and Partly Manufactured	223	90.1	90.6	97.1	97.9	98.5
Farm Origin - Field	84	73.1	73.4	82.0	82.8	84.2
Farm Origin - Animal	36	102.9	104.3	110.5	112.0	112.0
Marine	7	98.6	103.9	110.3	118.5	116.1
Forest x	37	128.5	128.5	134.9	134.9	134.9
Mineral	59	94.6	94.7	95.9	95.8	95.8
Total Fully and Chiefly Manufactured	302	92.0	91.5	92.9	92.8	92.9
Farm Origin - Field	83	88.6	87.9	88.9	88.9	89.1
Farm Origin - Animal	54	94.4	93.4	93.8	93.4	93.2
Marine	9	118.3	116.7	128.9	128.9	132.9
Forest	20	77.6	77.6	82.4	82.9	82.9
Mineral	136	101.5	101.4	101.8	101.7	101.6

x Included both domestic and export prices.

WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES
(All prices given in Canadian Funds)

Commodity		Yearly Average 1942	June 1942	April 1943	May 1943	June 1943
		$	$	$	$	$
WHEAT, No. 1 Man. Northern Ft. William and Pt. Arthur cash basis	bush.	.835	.800	.990	.990	1.015
OATS, No. 2 C.W. Ft. William and Pt. Arthur, cash basis	bush.	.491	.515	.513	.515	.513
FLOUR, First Patent, 2-98's Cotton bags, Toronto		5.050	5.050	5.050	5.050	5.050
SUGAR, Granulated, Montreal	cwt.	6.893	6.893	6.893	6.893	6.893
LINSEED OIL, Raw, Montreal	gal.	.896	.900	.900	.900	.900
STEERS, good up to 1,050 lbs. Toronto	cwt.	10.408	12.440	11.750	11.790	12.400
HOGS, BI, Dressed, Toronto	cwt.	15.726	15.490	16.730	16.780	16.780
PACKER HIDES, Native Steers, Toronto	lb.	.150	.150	.150	.150	.150
LEATHER, Packer crops, No. 1 and 11 f.o.b. Distributing points	lb.	.480	.480	.480	.480	.480
BOX SIDES D, f.o.b. Ont. Factory	ft.	.240	.240	.240	.240	.240
BUTTER, Creamery prints, first grade Montreal	lb.	.365	.358	.369	.355	.350
CHEESE, Canada, old large, Montreal	lb.	.339	.340	.305	.305	.305
EGGS, Grade "A" large, Montreal	doz.	.406	.352	.385	.385	.399
COTTON YARNS, 10's white single Hosiery cops, Mill	lb.	.303	.293	.293	.293	.293
WOOL, eastern bright ¼ blood Domestic, f.o.b. Ontario	lb.	.310	.310	.310	.310	.310
WOOL, western range, semi-bright ½ blood, domestic, f.o.b. Ontario	lb.	.260	.260	.260	.260	.260
PULP, groundwood, No. 1, delivered, Eastern Continental Divide	ton	50.233	50.600	50.600	50.600	50.600
STEEL, Merchant bars, mild, Mill	cwt.	2.754	2.754	2.754	2.754	2.754
PIG IRON, foundry No. 1, f.o.b. Plant	gross ton	25.500	25.500	25.500	25.500	25.500
COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic, Montreal	cwt.	11.500	11.500	11.500	11.500	11.500
LEAD, domestic, f.o.b. carlots Montreal	cwt.	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000
TIN INGOTS, Straits, f.o.b. Toronto	lb.	.620	.620	.620	.620	.620
ZINC, domestic, f.o.b. carlots, Montreal	cwt.	5.150	5.150	5.150	5.150	5.150
COAL, Anthracite, Toronto f.o.b. carlots	ton	12.540	12.553	12.414	12.414	12.414
COAL, Bituminous, N.S., run-of-mine	ton	5.700	5.700	5.700	5.700	5.700
GASOLINE, Standard, Toronto, Federal tax included	gal.	.215	.215	.215	.215	.215
SULPHURIC ACID 66° Baume, f.o.b. works	net ton	18.000	18.000	18.000	18.000	18.000

PRICE INDEX NUMBER SYNOPSIS

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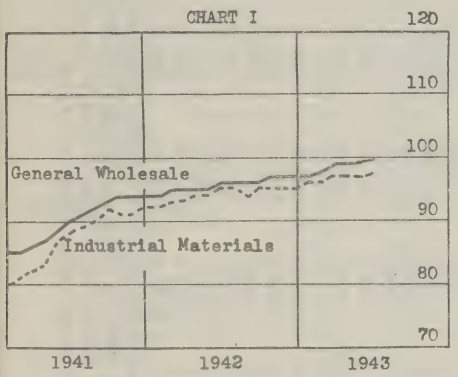

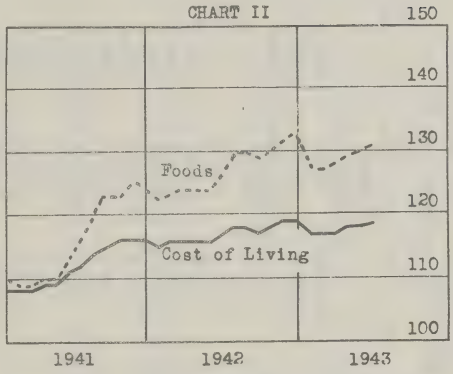

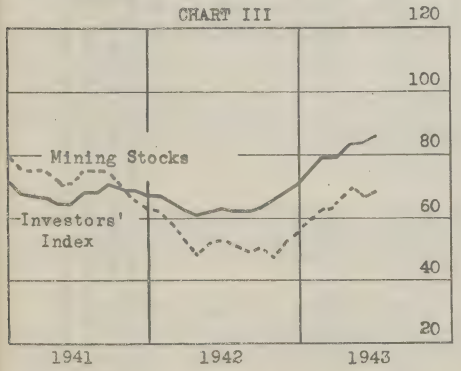

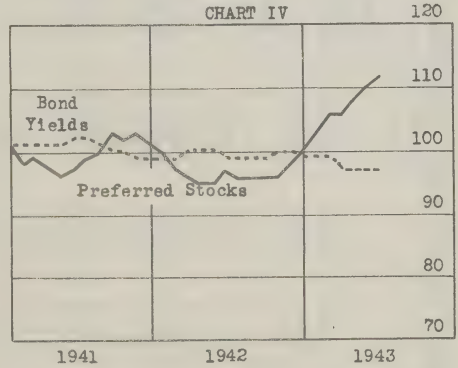

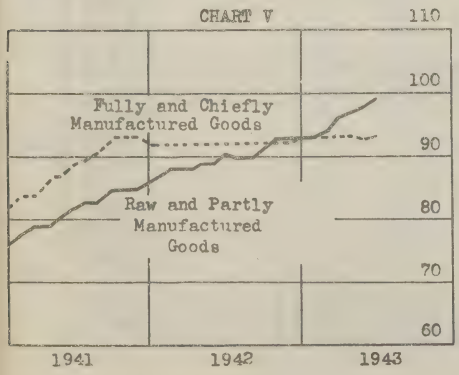

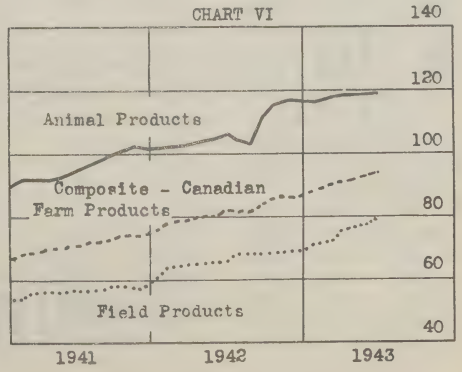

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS IN CANADA, 1939-June 1, 1943
(1935-39=100)

	Percentage Increase Since August 1, 1939	Total Index	Food Index	Rent Index	Fuel and Light-ing Index	Clothing Index	Home Furnish-ing and Services Index	Miscel-laneous Index	Retail Prices Index (Commod-ities only)
1939	0.7	101.5	100.6	103.8	101.2	100.7	101.4	101.4	101.0
1940	4.8	105.6	105.6	106.3	107.1	109.2	107.2	102.3	106.6
1941	10.8	111.7	116.1	109.4	110.3	116.1	113.8	105.1	114.9
1942	16.1	117.0	127.2	111.3	112.8	120.0	117.9	107.1	122.4
1939 - August 1	-	100.8	99.3	103.8	99.0	100.1	100.9	101.3	100.0
1941 - October 1	14.6	115.5	123.2	111.2	112.1	119.6	117.3	106.5	120.1
November 1	15.4	116.3	125.4	111.2	112.7	120.0	117.9	106.7	121.4
December 1	14.9	115.8	123.8	111.2	112.7	119.9	117.9	106.7	120.6
1942 - January 2	14.5	115.4	122.3	111.2	112.9	119.9	118.0	106.8	119.9
February 2	14.8	115.7	123.1	111.2	112.9	119.8	118.0	107.1	120.3
March 2	15.0	115.9	123.7	111.2	112.9	119.8	118.0	107.1	120.6
April 1	15.0	115.9	123.7	111.2	112.9	119.8	118.1	107.1	120.6
May 1	15.2	116.1	124.3	111.3	112.9	119.9	118.0	107.1	120.9
June 1	15.8	116.7	126.2	111.3	112.6	119.9	117.9	107.1	121.8
+ July 2	17.0	117.9	130.3	111.3	112.5	120.0	117.9	107.1	123.9
August 1	16.8	117.7	129.6	111.3	112.5	120.1	117.8	107.1	123.5
September 1	16.5	117.4	128.5	111.3	112.5	120.1	117.8	107.1	123.0
October 1	16.9	117.8	129.8	111.3	112.8	120.1	117.8	107.1	123.7
November 2	17.7	118.6	132.4	111.3	112.8	120.1	117.8	107.1	125.0
December 1	17.9	118.8	132.8	111.3	112.8	120.2	117.8	107.2	125.2
1943 - January 2	16.2	117.1	127.3	111.3	112.8	120.2	117.8	107.5	122.5
February 1	16.0	116.9	126.7	111.3	112.7	120.1	117.8	107.5	122.2
March 1	16.3	117.2	127.7	111.3	112.7	120.1	117.8	107.5	122.7
April 1	16.7	117.6	128.7	111.3	112.7	120.2	117.8	107.7	123.2
May 1	17.2	118.1	129.9	111.5	112.7	120.2	117.8	108.0	124.0
June 1	17.6	118.5	130.9	111.5	113.0	120.4	117.8	108.2	124.5

+ By Order-in-Council P.C. 6219 as amended, prices of cigarettes and tobacco used in the index for purposes of computing cost-of-living bonuses do not include the tax imposed on June 24, 1942, by the Special War Revenue Act. Since indirect taxes of this kind previously have been included in the index, a June figure reflecting the new tax has been computed to maintain continuity with preceding calculations. This index is 119.4

INDEX NUMBERS OF TOTAL LIVING COSTS AND FOOD PRICES IN EIGHT REGIONAL CITIES

(August 1939=100)

	Halifax	Saint John	Montreal	Toronto	Winnipeg	Saskatoon	Edmonton	Vancouver
				GENERAL COST OF LIVING				
1940 - February 1 ...	103.4	103.0	104.4	102.5	102.6	104.6	103.1	102.9
April 1 ...	104.9	104.2	105.4	103.2	103.3	105.1	103.7	103.4
June 1 ...	105.5	104.1	106.2	103.4	103.2	104.7	103.8	103.0
August 1 ...	107.5	105.4	107.0	104.2	104.6	105.3	103.7	103.7
October 1 ...	107.0	107.0	108.3	105.1	105.2	106.9	104.2	104.0
December 2 ...	108.0	108.7	109.4	105.8	106.3	108.6	105.6	105.3
1941 - February 1 ...	107.9	108.3	109.8	106.0	106.0	108.7	105.5	106.1
April 1 ...	107.8	108.2	109.9	106.3	106.2	109.0	105.5	106.5
June 2 ...	108.8	108.8	111.9	108.7	107.8	110.3	107.0	107.5
August 1 ...	111.6	112.2	115.1	111.7	110.3	113.1	109.8	110.4
October 1 ...	112.7	113.2	116.3	114.0	112.2	115.7	111.4	112.3
November 1 ...	113.7	114.6	117.2	115.0	113.1	116.4	111.6	112.9
December 1 ...	113.1	114.5	116.8	114.5	113.1	116.4	111.4	112.4
1942 - February 2 ...	113.5	115.2	117.1	114.5	112.4	115.7	110.9	112.1
April 1 ...	113.5	115.1	117.4	114.7	112.6	116.1	111.1	112.2
June 1 ...	114.0	115.4	118.2	115.5	113.1	116.2	112.0	113.1
August 1 ...	115.8	117.2	118.7	116.2	115.0	117.5	114.1	115.0
October 1 ...	115.5	116.6	119.4	116.3	114.5	117.0	113.6	115.4
December 1 ...	116.2	117.3	120.3	116.8	115.6	118.5	115.0	116.8
1943 - February 1 ...	114.7	115.9	118.8	115.3	114.1	116.7	113.5	114.7
April 1 ...	115.7	116.7	119.0	115.4	114.7	117.4	114.1	116.7
June 1 ...	117.1	117.8	120.6	116.3	115.1	117.8	115.2	116.9
				FOODS				
1940 - February 1 ...	106.8	106.1	106.5	103.6	105.6	109.8	106.9	106.1
April 1 ...	108.1	106.2	107.1	104.1	105.6	109.0	106.8	106.0
June 1 ...	106.5	105.6	105.4	103.5	104.6	105.5	106.4	104.5
August 1 ...	112.3	108.4	105.5	104.5	107.9	106.1	104.6	105.8
October 1 ...	112.0	107.9	107.3	105.9	107.0	106.6	105.2	105.6
December 2 ...	115.2	112.5	110.6	107.6	110.3	112.1	109.9	109.0
1941 - February 1 ...	114.4	110.5	111.1	108.0	109.0	111.5	108.2	110.9
April 1 ...	114.0	110.3	111.5	108.8	109.9	112.5	108.1	112.0
June 2 ...	115.2	110.8	115.4	111.3	112.0	111.5	110.6	112.7
August 1 ...	124.6	119.4	124.4	119.6	119.5	120.2	118.9	120.4
October 1 ...	124.7	119.4	125.9	122.3	121.6	126.1	121.8	124.0
November 1 ...	128.1	122.7	127.9	125.5	123.9	127.0	121.9	125.6
December 1 ...	126.4	122.5	126.5	123.5	124.1	127.1	121.1	124.1
1942 - February 2 ...	127.3	124.1	127.1	123.2	121.7	124.9	119.4	122.8
April 1 ...	127.3	123.9	128.0	123.9	122.4	126.2	119.7	123.3
June 1 ...	129.0	124.9	130.7	126.7	124.1	126.5	123.0	126.0
August 1 ...	135.1	130.1	132.3	129.0	129.9	130.7	130.2	131.9
October 1 ...	133.5	128.3	134.0	129.5	128.5	129.1	128.2	133.1
December 1 ...	136.2	130.5	136.9	131.3	132.0	134.3	133.2	137.5
1943 - February 1 ...	130.8	124.6	132.0	126.1	126.8	127.8	126.2	129.4
April 1 ...	132.7	127.0	132.6	126.2	129.0	129.9	128.2	135.8
June 1 ...	136.3	130.1	137.3	128.3	129.7	131.2	131.6	134.7

INVESTORS' MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCKS

(1935-39=100)

Number of Securities 1943	GENERAL		INDUSTRIALS					
	Total	Total	Machinery and Equipment	Pulp and Paper	Milling	Oils	Textiles and Clothing	Food and Allied Products
	95	58	8	7	3	4	10	12
1941 - January	71.3	66.9	77.6	74.1	72.3	51.6	110.6	96.8
February ...	66.5	62.3	72.9	63.8	69.5	48.7	105.0	90.1
March	66.8	63.1	73.6	65.4	69.5	49.5	103.1	87.9
April	65.8	62.3	73.2	63.9	68.6	49.4	101.3	88.6
May	63.9	60.7	71.8	59.7	63.4	51.3	97.4	88.6
June	64.0	60.3	72.0	59.5	67.5	48.0	101.1	90.1
July	67.5	64.0	76.3	66.1	67.5	48.4	105.7	90.5
August	67.8	64.4	76.8	70.2	72.4	49.1	106.3	91.8
September ..	71.0	67.5	80.5	78.5	75.1	51.3	108.4	93.3
October	69.1	65.5	78.3	75.5	74.5	51.2	105.7	91.9
November ...	68.8	65.3	78.2	76.4	74.9	52.9	110.0	91.0
December ...	67.2	63.9	75.5	72.9	72.2	49.0	110.4	91.4
1942 - January	66.8	62.9	74.3	71.9	74.5	45.9	112.8	88.7
February ...	64.7	60.8	73.4	69.3	69.7	43.6	108.7	85.5
March	62.3	57.8	69.7	66.1	70.9	41.2	104.3	75.8
April	61.1	56.6	70.6	63.2	69.6	41.4	102.4	74.2
May	62.0	57.9	74.7	61.1	70.5	43.2	104.3	73.5
June	62.8	58.4	76.2	61.1	69.6	44.5	106.6	73.9
July	62.4	58.6	76.6	58.9	65.3	46.6	100.4	75.9
August	61.6	58.5	76.0	56.0	61.2	47.5	97.7	75.3
September ..	62.6	59.8	77.9	55.9	62.0	49.0	99.8	74.2
October	65.0	62.2	80.3	57.8	64.9	51.0	99.6	74.0
November ...	67.6	64.1	82.5	62.6	72.3	53.7	101.6	77.1
December ...	71.3	67.2	86.0	71.2	81.9	57.9	109.3	82.5
1943 - January	76.3	72.1	90.3	75.3	82.4	62.9	114.3	88.2
February ...	78.7	75.6	94.0	75.8	88.3	67.2	117.4	88.1
March	79.1	75.0	96.7	77.1	89.5	65.6	118.1	81.6
April	82.6	77.4	100.8	79.6	93.3	67.7	121.1	87.4
May	83.7	77.6	104.0	89.3	91.6	67.9	119.9	88.7
June	86.3	79.8	108.6	94.7	96.0	73.2	124.0	89.4

INVESTORS' MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCKS - Concl'd

(1935-39=100)

	INDUSTRIALS - Concl'd				UTILITIES			BANKS
Number of Securities 1943	Beverages 7	Building Materials 15	Industrial Mines 2	Total 19	Transportation 2	Telephone Telegraph 2	Power and Traction 15	Total 8
1941 - January ..	104.3	84.0	73.2	77.3	60.9	101.2	75.4	94.7
February..	96.6	77.3	67.3	71.3	51.6	100.2	68.8	90.9
March	93.7	78.5	69.0	70.7	55.7	99.2	67.0	89.9
April	88.1	77.8	67.8	68.2	57.3	97.8	62.2	89.7
May	82.8	74.4	62.6	65.2	54.8	91.6	60.3	88.3
June	87.3	74.9	64.2	67.1	58.9	92.0	62.0	89.0
July	94.3	77.8	72.3	70.6	65.8	93.0	65.3	89.7
August ...	95.7	79.7	71.5	71.2	70.0	94.6	64.4	89.7
September	102.4	82.4	75.8	74.7	70.3	98.6	68.8	91.2
October ..	98.7	78.9	71.7	72.5	65.7	96.8	67.2	90.8
November..	102.6	77.8	68.9	71.1	65.2	95.3	65.5	91.7
December..	104.8	75.5	69.7	68.7	60.4	95.9	63.0	90.5
1942 - January ..	99.2	75.1	71.9	70.4	64.5	95.5	64.4	91.1
February..	96.3	73.9	70.1	67.7	60.5	93.5	62.1	91.1
March	92.8	74.0	67.3	67.5	59.4	93.5	62.0	89.4
April	93.1	73.9	64.2	66.3	60.6	91.9	60.2	88.4
May	94.2	75.7	65.2	66.4	59.6	92.0	60.7	87.4
June	93.6	76.8	64.9	68.1	56.6	92.3	64.3	87.7
July	95.5	75.3	62.7	67.8	58.4	86.5	65.2	81.7
August ...	98.3	73.1	61.9	67.8	58.8	80.8	66.9	71.9
September	98.7	71.2	64.1	69.2	62.5	83.4	67.1	69.0
October ..	98.9	70.8	68.4	72.0	73.4	83.9	67.9	70.3
November..	105.5	74.9	68.0	77.6	85.7	87.1	72.1	72.3
December..	107.3	79.6	69.1	83.8	88.2	89.8	80.7	74.4
1943 - January ..	109.7	84.0	74.3	90.0	92.1	93.3	88.5	76.7
February..	111.8	85.0	78.6	88.0	84.7	92.2	88.0	78.6
March	113.9	85.3	79.6	92.1	102.1	93.7	88.6	80.2
April	128.2	89.5	79.7	101.4	123.3	93.8	95.8	80.9
May	128.1	91.4	79.2	106.2	133.4	95.0	101.0	80.5
June	133.5	93.1	77.3	111.1	126.3	96.6	111.1	81.4

INDEX NUMBERS OF TWENTY-FIVE MINING STOCKS
(1935-39=100)

No. of Stocks 1943	Golds 22	Base Metals 3	Total Index 25
1942 - January	50.5	84.3	61.9
February	45.4	81.5	57.5
March	40.1	75.3	51.9
April	37.5	72.8	49.3
May	39.6	75.8	51.7
June	42.6	74.3	53.2
July	39.3	73.3	50.6
August	38.0	72.3	49.4
September	38.4	72.1	49.7
October	33.3	71.8	46.2
November	40.7	73.2	51.6
December	44.7	74.4	54.7
1943 - January	50.1	79.4	60.0
February	52.0	80.3	61.5
March	55.6	83.4	65.0
April	59.0	87.0	68.6
May	56.6	87.0	66.9
June	59.1	86.3	68.4
Weekly Index Numbers			
Week ending May 20th	56.5	87.7	67.0
" " " 27th	55.1	86.5	65.6
" " June 3rd	58.4	85.1	67.5
" " " 10th	59.6	87.2	69.0
" " " 17th	59.3	85.5	68.2
" " " 24th	58.3	86.3	67.8
" " July 1st	59.3	86.2	68.5
" " " 8th	59.5	86.5	68.7

MONTHLY INDEXES OF AMERICAN STOCK PRICES, 1942-1943.
(Issued by Standard and Poor's Trade Securities)
(1935-39=100)

	Composite	Industrials	Railroads	Utilities
1942 - April	63.3	64.8	61.1	56.5
May	63.2	64.7	60.3	57.2
June	66.1	68.2	59.0	58.8
July	68.2	70.6	62.9	58.4
August	68.3	70.5	65.4	58.8
September	69.4	71.6	66.7	59.5
October	74.2	76.5	72.7	63.7
November	75.2	77.2	73.0	66.2
December	75.9	78.5	69.3	65.2
1943 - January	79.7	82.3	73.7	69.3
February	84.8	87.7	77.5	73.3
March	88.2	90.8	86.4	76.2
April	91.3	93.7	92.8	79.1
May	95.2	97.2	97.5	84.0

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MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELDS, - 1937-1943
(1935-1939=100)

	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
January	95.2	102.2	97.3	109.3	100.6	99.4	98.8
February	100.1	100.8	97.2	107.2	100.8	99.3	98.5
March	106.4	100.3	95.4	107.9	100.5	99.6	97.6
April	107.2	97.4	96.3	105.5	100.6	99.6	97.3
May	106.4	96.2	97.8	104.5	101.1	99.5	97.3
June	105.6	98.0	95.7	107.8	101.9	98.8	97.3
July	104.4	98.7	96.0	107.0	101.5	98.7	-
August	102.9	98.8	98.6	104.3	101.2	99.0	-
September	103.2	101.9	117.0	103.1	100.3	99.4	-
October	106.2	99.3	111.9	102.6	100.2	99.6	-
November	105.7	97.4	108.4	101.9	99.1	99.6	-
December	102.9	97.2	110.5	101.0	99.3	99.4	-

WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BONDS, 1943

	Yields		Yields		Yields
April 7	97.3	May 5	97.3	June 2	97.3
" 14	97.3	" 12	97.3	" 9	97.3
" 21	97.3	" 19	97.3	" 16	97.3
" 28	97.3	" 26	97.3	" 23	97.3
				" 30	97.3

INDEX NUMBERS OF 30 PREFERRED STOCK PRICES, 1936-1943
(1935-1939=100)

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1936 ...	90.3	93.1	92.0	91.7	90.0	91.9	95.9	97.2	101.1	104.7	109.9	113.3
1937 ...	119.7	121.1	123.8	124.4	120.9	119.8	119.9	122.4	109.8	99.2	98.9	97.7
1938 ...	100.6	99.0	93.5	94.3	96.6	98.7	105.2	104.7	98.1	106.2	105.5	104.8
1939 ...	102.5	101.8	101.2	95.2	95.3	98.8	100.1	97.7	100.5	107.4	108.7	110.1
1940 ...	110.7	109.7	108.8	108.9	96.7	86.9	89.0	93.9	99.1	100.7	103.0	101.7
1941 ...	101.4	97.6	98.7	97.9	96.3	96.8	98.5	100.0	103.2	102.2	102.6	100.7
1942 ...	99.6	96.8	95.6	94.5	95.4	96.5	95.7	95.8	95.6	96.2	97.5	100.4
1943 ...	102.7	105.5	106.4	108.2	110.1	113.3						

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PRICE MOVEMENTS, JULY, 1943.

WHOLESALE: Moving above the 1926 base figure of 100.0 for the first time in exactly seventeen years, the Bureau's composite wholesale monthly price index stiffened 0.6 points to reach 100.1 in July. Index increases for five of the eight major groups accounted for the advance. The vegetable products group, up 1.2 points to 92.5 registered the sharpest gain; reflecting higher prices for wheat, barley, rye, lemons, rosin, Ontario winter wheat flour, pepper, potatoes at Winnipeg and Vancouver, and onions at Toronto. These overbalanced lower quotations for oranges, bananas, linseed and cottonseed oil, potatoes at Montreal, Toronto and Saint John and timothy hay at Montreal. In the animal products group higher prices for several fish descriptions, certain raw furs, women's shoes, livestock, fresh meats, butter and eggs outweighed a sharp seasonal drop in sheepskins to raise the section index 0.9 to 107.6 in July. A higher import price for United States bituminous coal offset a fractional decline in anthracite coal to lift the non-metallic metals group index 0.7 to 100.5 while firmer spruce quotations were responsible for an advance of 0.2 to 107.8 in wood, wood products and paper. Chemicals and allied products gained 0.1 to 100.5 due to an increase in quebracho extract.

The composite index for 30 industrial materials gained 0.3 points to 97.8 in July due to increases in two of the three sub-groups. The index for five food items advanced 1.5 points to 97.5 on higher quotations for wheat, oats, steers and hogs while the stable group series increased 0.5 points to 117.1 on advances for spruce and imported bituminous coal. A drop of 0.1 to 82.5 for the manufacturing series reflected lower quotations for certain vegetable oils which more than offset an upward revision in rosin.

An advance in field products was sufficient to move the composite index for Canadian farm product prices 2.0 points to 96.4 between June and July. In the field products series higher average prices for grains and potatoes more than counterbalanced a drop in hay to advance the index 3.2 points to 82.6. Animal product prices remained unchanged at 119.4, a decline in sheepskins being sufficient to offset upward advances in livestock and eggs.

COST OF LIVING: (Wartime increase 17.9 per cent - from 100.8 to 118.8). The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index advanced from 118.5 on June 1 to 118.8 on July 2, 1943. This index which has been specified as the basis for calculating cost-of-living bonus adjustments under Order-in-Council P.C. 5963 has increased 17.9 per cent between August, 1939 and July, 1943. Since February the index has risen steadily, with the total increase amounting to 1.9 points. It now stands exactly on a par with the December, 1942 index, and is 0.9 points above the July, 1942 index upon which the cost-of-living bonus was authorized.

Foods continued to be mainly responsible for the further advance. The food index rose from 130.9 in June to 131.8 for July; the total increase in the food index since February has amounted to 5.1 points. Prices for eggs, lamb and potatoes showed the largest advances in July and there were fractional increases in other meats. Butter and oranges were moderately lower. Two other group indexes advanced in July, fuel and lighting from 113.0 to 113.4, and clothing from 120.4 to 120.5. Other groups remained unchanged, rents at 111.5, home furnishings and services at 117.8, and miscellaneous items at 108.2.

SECURITIES: New peak levels for the current upturn in security prices were reached in July due to substantial strength in the first half of the month.

At a level of 91.0 for July, the Investors' composite monthly index for 94 common stocks showed an increase of 5.4 p.c. over June, but was slightly below the mid-month weekly index peak of 91.8. Paced by increases of 16 p.c. for oil shares and 12.8 p.c. for pulp and paper stocks, the industrial section index gained 7.4 p.c. to 85.7. Lesser increases in this section occurred for beverages, up 3.3 p.c.; food and allied products 2.3 p.c.; industrial mines 1.8 p.c.; machinery and equipment 1.7pc; textiles and clothing 1.6 p.c. and building materials 1.5 p.c. Milling stocks, off 2.0 p.c. recorded the only decline. An increase of 1.2 p.c. to 112.4 for 18 utilities reflected an advance of 3.3 p.c. for transportation stocks, 1.6 p.c. for telephone and telegraph and 0.2 p.c. for power and traction. Bank shares were fractionally firmer at 81.7.

Based upon a composite average of 25 representative issues, mining stock prices moved 4.5 p.c. higher in July to 71.5. Unlike industrials and utilities, prices in this section continued to advance throughout the month, reaching their highest level in the closing week. The gold stock index gained 6.3 p.c. to 62.8 during the month while base metal issues were 2.2 p.c. higher at 88.2.

Continued substantial strength for shares of pulp and paper companies, notably Abitibi Power and Paper Co. was primarily responsible for an increase of 3.5 p.c. to 117.3 in the preferred stock index of 30 issues. The pulp and paper section index moved 29.3 p.c. higher in the same interval while small gains occurred for food company shares, up 3.9 p.c.; machinery and equipment issues were 3.4 p.c. higher; power stocks 2.7 p.c. and tobacco company shares 2.1 p.c. Milling stocks weakened 1.9 p.c. during the same period while textiles were down 0.1 p.c.

The yield of a Dominion of Canada theoretical 15-year bond, as computed by the Bank of Canada, remained at 3.00 during July, and the corresponding index, on the base 1935-1939=100, stood at 97.3. Ontario bond yields were steady also, and an index of representative issues, compiled from information furnished by Wood, Gundy and Company, Limited, was unchanged at 85.2 (1935-1939=100). The yield was 3.00.

WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES

(1926=100)

	Industrial Materials				Canadian Farm Products			
	April 1943	May 1943	June 1943	July 1943	April 1943	May 1943	June 1943	July 1943
1st week	97.0	96.8	97.1x	97.6	92.8	93.4	93.6	93.8
2nd week	96.9	96.8	97.3x	97.7	92.5	92.7	94.3	94.9
3rd week	96.7	97.0x	97.4x	98.0	91.9	92.9	94.8	97.0
4th week	96.8	97.1x	97.3x	98.0	92.2	93.2	94.0	97.2
5th week	96.7			98.2	92.5			97.1

x Revised.

SUMMARY TABLES OF CANADIAN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS
(1926=100)

	General Wholesale Price Index	Consumers' Goods	Producers' Goods	Building Materials	Raw and Partly Manufactured Goods	Fully and Chiefly Manufactured Goods
1913	64.0	62.0	67.7	67.0	63.8	64.8
1920	155.9	136.1	164.3	144.0	154.1	156.5
1929	95.6	94.7	96.1	99.0	97.5	93.0
1933	67.1	71.1	63.1	78.3	56.6	70.2
1939	75.4	75.9	70.4	89.7	67.4	75.3
1940	82.9	83.4	78.7	95.6	75.3	81.5
1941	90.0	91.1	83.6	107.3	81.8	88.8
1942	95.6	95.8	88.4	115.2	90.1	92.0
1939						
August	72.3	72.7	66.7	90.2	62.8	72.6
1942						
April	95.0	95.3	87.8	115.1	88.7	91.9
May	95.2	95.2	88.3	115.0	89.4	91.6
June	95.8	96.0	88.7	114.9	90.6	91.5
July	96.0	96.7	88.0	114.5	90.5	91.9
August	95.5	95.4	88.7	114.5	89.8	91.8
September	95.8	95.7	89.2	114.8	90.5	92.0
October	96.6	96.5	89.4	116.5	92.0	92.2
November	96.9	97.0	89.5	116.5	92.6	92.5
December	97.0	96.8	90.1	117.2	92.7	92.7
1943						
January	97.1	96.1	90.8	118.3	93.1	92.5
February	97.5	96.4	91.3	118.3	93.9	92.7
March	98.5	96.7	92.7	118.4	95.6	93.3
April	98.9	96.7	93.2	119.1	97.1	92.7
May	99.2	97.0	93.6	119.1	98.0	92.7
June	99.5	97.3	94.1	119.1	98.7	92.8
July	100.1	97.5	95.2	119.3	100.0	92.8

SUMMARY TABLES OF CANADIAN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS - Concl'd
(1926=100)

	Canadian Farm Products			Industrial Materials	Eighteen Sensitive Materials	Twelve Stable Materials
	Field	Animal	Total			
1913	56.4	77.0	64.1	-	-	-
1920	166.5	150.8	160.6	-	-	-
1929	93.8	112.5	100.8	91.8	88.8	96.5
1933	45.8	59.7	51.0	54.1	43.7	75.0
1939	54.2	81.2	64.3	69.0	57.8	89.4
1940	56.0	85.8	67.1	70.0	66.8	101.7
1941	56.5	95.9	71.2	87.3	75.2	109.2
1942	86.5	109.2	88.5	94.2	83.1	113.7
1939						
August	48.2	75.4	58.4	65.3	52.8	88.4
1942						
April	65.0	108.9	81.4	93.5	82.3	113.3
May	65.5	104.8	80.2	94.2	83.0	114.0
June	66.3	107.0	81.5	94.8	83.9	114.0
July	67.7	103.5	81.1	94.6	83.6	114.0
August	68.4	103.0	81.3	94.3	83.1	114.0
September	67.6	112.2	84.3	94.8	83.9	114.0
October	67.9	115.5	85.7	95.0	83.9	114.4
November	68.4	116.7	86.5	94.9	83.8	114.4
December	69.0	117.3	87.1	95.1	84.1	114.4
1943						
January	70.6	116.2	87.7	96.1	84.9	115.6
February	71.6	116.8	88.5	96.3	85.3	115.6
March	75.4	117.6	91.2	96.6	85.8	115.6
April	76.8	118.2	92.3	96.7	85.7	116.0
May	77.4	118.7	92.8	97.0 x	85.8	116.6 x
June	79.4	119.4	94.4	97.5 x	86.2	116.6 x
July	82.6	119.4	96.4	97.8	86.5	117.1

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COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Note: Wholesale price indexes appearing in this bulletin are subject to revision.

	Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1942	July 1942	May 1943	June 1943	July 1943
	Total Index	526	95.6	96.0	99.2	99.5	100.1
1.	Vegetable Products	123	84.5	86.1	90.4	91.3	92.5
	Fruits	14	107.9	107.4	124.4	120.8	116.8
	Fresh	4	115.6	115.4	138.0	133.2	127.8
	Dried	4	93.4	93.6	93.7	93.7	93.7
	Canned	6	75.9	73.5	73.5	73.5	73.5
	Grains	22	63.7	62.2	74.0	75.3	79.4
	Flour and Milled Products	12	77.0	79.2	78.9	79.1	79.4
	Bakery Products	2	86.8	86.8	86.8	86.8	86.8
	Vegetable Oils	4	132.2	132.2	132.5	132.5	130.5
	Rubber and Its Products	7	75.7	75.7	75.7	75.7	75.7
	Sugar and Its Products and Glucose	8	121.3	121.4	121.4	121.4	121.5
	Tea, Coffee, Cocoa and Spices	13	121.3	122.7	111.6	111.6	111.7
	Vegetables	13	93.1	121.3	116.0	125.9	123.2
11.	Animals and Their Products	75	101.1	101.1	106.5	106.7	107.6
	Fishery Products	16	111.0	110.4	123.4	126.0	128.7
	Furs	9	74.3	74.5	105.3	105.3	106.7
	Hides and Skins	6	114.6	100.1	128.1	120.0	94.2
	Leather, Unmanufactured	9	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9
	Boots and Shoes	2	105.6	105.7	105.7	105.7	106.0
	Live Stock	4	130.7	132.5	147.6	153.0	154.2
	Meats and Poultry	9	106.1	111.4	113.6	113.2	113.9
	Milk and Its Products	12	97.8	95.8	98.7	98.2	98.3
	Fats	5	76.2	73.6	83.8	83.8	83.8
	Eggs	3	87.7	78.6	84.6	87.3	95.6
111.	Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	64	92.0	91.9	91.9	91.9	91.9
	Cotton Fabrics	19	82.6	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5
	Knit Goods	3	100.5	101.3	98.9	98.9	98.9
	Flax, Hemp and Jute Products	6	91.4	90.9	92.2	92.2	92.2
	Rayon Fabrics	2	67.4	67.2	67.2	67.2	67.2
	Rayon Yarns	2	49.1	49.0	49.0	49.0	49.0
	Wool, Raw	3	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7
	Wool Hosiery and Knit Goods	5	108.8	108.8	108.8	108.8	108.8
	Wool Cloth	6	105.2	105.2	105.2	105.2	105.2
1V.	Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	101.8	101.5	107.6	107.6	107.8
	Newsprint and Wrapping Paper	2	74.0	74.0	80.1	80.1	80.1
	Lumber	33	133.0	131.7	141.8	141.8	142.4
	Pulp	3	118.1	119.0	119.0	119.0	119.0
	Furniture	10	104.7	104.7	104.7	104.7	104.7

COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

	Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1942	July 1942	May 1943	June 1943	July 1943
V.	Iron and Its Products	44	115.4	115.8	115.7	115.7	115.7
	Pig Iron and Steel Billets	3	104.5	104.8	104.8	104.8	104.8
	Rolling Mill Products	14	121.0	121.3	121.3	121.3	121.3
	Hardware	16	93.9	93.9	93.9	93.9	93.9
	Wire	3	105.4	105.5	105.5	105.5	105.5
	Scrap	5	111.9	111.9	109.7	109.7	109.7
Vl.	Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	17	78.4	77.8	79.7	79.7	79.7
	Brass and Copper Products	5	86.7	86.7	86.7	86.7	86.7
	Lead and Its Products	2	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1
	Tin Ingots	2	95.7	96.2	95.6	95.6	95.6
	Zinc and Its Products	2	59.1	59.1	59.1	59.1	59.2
	Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products (V and Vl above)	61	103.1	103.1	103.7	103.7	103.7
Vll.	Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	81	99.0	99.2	99.8	99.8	100.5
	Clay and Allied Materials Products	10	97.6	96.3	101.3	101.3	101.3
	Coal	13	113.0	113.7	115.2	115.2	117.2
	Coke	4	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5
	Manufactured Gas	3	103.5	103.5	103.5	103.5	103.5
	Glass and Its Products	6	104.4	104.4	104.4	104.4	104.4
	Petroleum Products	5	82.4	82.4	82.4	82.4	82.4
	Asphalt	2	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3
	Salt	4	130.6	130.6	130.6	130.6	130.6
	Lime	4	112.2	112.2	112.2	112.2	112.2
	Cement	1	106.5	106.5	106.5	106.5	106.5
	Sand and Gravel	8	88.0	87.3	89.0	87.3	87.3
	Crushed Stone	3	83.0	80.3	93.4	80.3	80.3
	Building Stone	3	70.8	70.8	70.8	70.8	70.8
	Asbestos	8	74.1	74.1	74.1	74.1	74.1
Vlll.	Chemicals and Allied Products	73	102.9	102.2	100.3	100.4	100.5
	Inorganic Chemicals	22	89.0	88.9	89.0	89.4	89.4
	Organic Chemicals	5	90.4	90.4	87.6	87.6	87.6
	Coal Tar Products	2	91.1	91.1	91.1	91.1	91.1
	Dyeing and Tanning Materials	10	136.4	136.4	140.0	140.0	141.3
	Explosives	2	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1
	Paints, Prepared	1	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5
	Drugs and Pharmaceutical Chemicals	8	175.1	176.0	162.6	162.6	162.6
	Fertilizers	10	86.2	84.9	83.7	83.7	83.7
	Industrial Gases	2	83.3	84.0	84.1	84.4	85.2

PURPOSE CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1942	July 1942	May 1943	June 1943	July 1943
1. CONSUMERS' GOODS (Groups A and B)	215	95.8	96.7	97.0	97.3	97.5
A. Foods, Beverages and Tobacco	118	98.0	100.2	102.6	103.1	103.6
B. Other Consumers' Goods	97	94.4	94.3	93.3	93.3	93.4
11. PRODUCERS' GOODS (Groups C and D)	377	88.4	88.0	93.6	94.1	95.2
C. Producers' Equipment	24	100.8	110.4	112.4	112.4	114.2
D. Producers' Materials	353	86.0	85.5	91.5	92.1	93.1

ORIGIN CLASSIFICATION

Total Raw and Partly Manufactured	223	90.1	90.5	98.0	98.7	100.0
Farm Origin - Field	84	73.1	74.2	83.0	84.5	86.8
Farm Origin - Animal	36	102.9	102.7	112.0	112.0	112.1
Marine	7	98.6	105.6	118.5	116.1	123.1
Forest x	37	128.5	127.8	134.9	134.9	135.3
Mineral	59	94.6	94.7	96.1	96.1	96.9
Total Fully and Chiefly Manufactured	302	92.0	91.9	92.8	92.8	92.8
Farm Origin - Field	83	88.6	88.0	89.1	89.2	89.2
Farm Origin - Animal	54	94.4	93.7	93.4	93.2	93.2
Marine	9	116.3	113.6	128.9	132.9	132.0
Forest	20	77.6	77.6	82.9	82.9	82.9
Mineral	136	101.5	101.4	101.2	101.2	101.2

x Included both domestic and export prices.

WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES
(All prices given in Canadian Funds)

Commodity		Yearly Average 1942	July 1942	May 1943	June 1943	July 1943
		$	$	$	$	$
WHEAT, No. 1 Man. Northern Ft. William and Pt. Arthur cash basis	bu.	.835	.808	.990	1.015	1.093
OATS, No. 2 C. W. Ft. William and Pt. Arthur, cash basis	bu.	.491	.513	.515	.513	.515
FLOUR, First Patent, 2-38's Cotton bags, Toronto		5.050	5.050	5.050	5.050	5.050
SUGAR, Granulated, Montreal	cwt	6.893	6.893	6.893	6.893	6.893
LINSEED OIL, Raw, Montreal	gal.	.896	.900	.900	.900	.870
STEERS, good up to 1,050 lbs. Toronto	cwt.	10.408	10.630	11.730	12.400	12.530
HOGS, BI, Dressed, Toronto	cwt.	15.726	15.850	16.780	16.780	16.840
PACKER HIDES, Native Steers, Toronto	lb.	.150	.150	.150	.150	.150
LEATHER, Packer crops, No. 1 and 11 f.o.b. Distributing points	lb.	.480	.480	.480	.480	.480
BOX SIDES D, f.o.b. Ont. Factory	ft.	.240	.240	.240	.240	.240
BUTTER, Creamery prints, first grade Montreal	lb.	.365	.358	.355	.350	.350
CHEESE, Canada, old large, Montreal	lb.	.339	.340	.305	.305	.305
EGGS, Grade "A" large, Montreal	doz.	.406	.368	.385	.339	.459
COTTON YARNS, 10's white single Hosiery cops, Mill	lb.	.303	.293	.293	.293	.293
WOOL, eastern bright $\frac{1}{4}$ blood Domestic, f.o.b. Ontario	lb.	.310	.310	.310	.310	.310
WOOL, western range, semi-bright $\frac{1}{2}$blood, domestic, f.o.b. Ontario	lb.	.260	.260	.260	.260	.260
PULP, groundwood, No. 1, delivered, Eastern Continental Divide	ton	50.223	50.600	50.600	50.600	50.600
STEEL, Merchant bars, mild, Mill	cwt	2.754	2.754	2.754	2.754	2.754
PIG IRON, foundry No. 1, f.o.b. Plant	gross ton	25.500	25.500	25.500	25.500	25.500
COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic, Montreal	cwt	11.500	11.500	11.500	11.500	11.500
LEAD, domestic, f.o.b. carlots Montreal	cwt	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000
TIN INGOTS, Straits, f.o.b. Toronto	lb.	.620	.620	.620	.620	.620
ZINC, domestic, f.o.b. carlots, Montreal	cwt	5.150	5.150	5.150	5.150	5.150
COAL, Anthracite, Toronto f.o.b. carlots	ton	12.540	12.553	12.414	12.414	12.360
COAL, Bituminous, N.S., run-of-mine	ton	5.700	5.700	5.700	5.700	5.700
GASOLINE, Standard, Toronto, x Federal tax included	gal.	.205	.205	.205	.205	.205
SULPHURIC ACID 66° Baume, f.o.b. works	net ton	18.000	18.000	18.000	18.000	18.000

x Gasoline revised.

PRICE INDEX NUMBER SYNOPSIS

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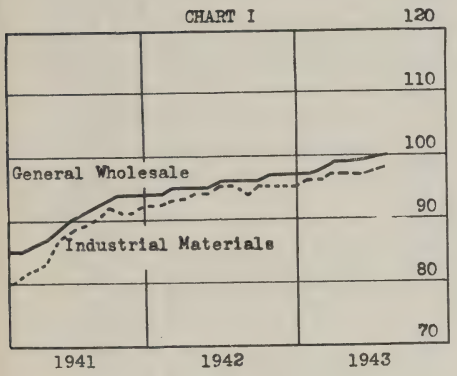
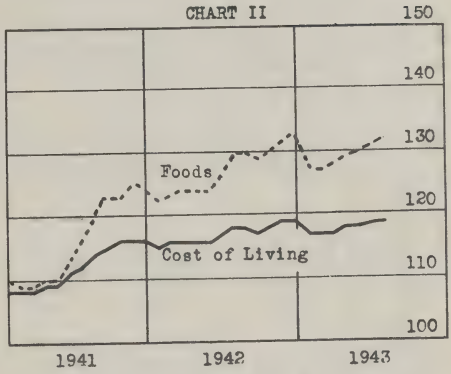
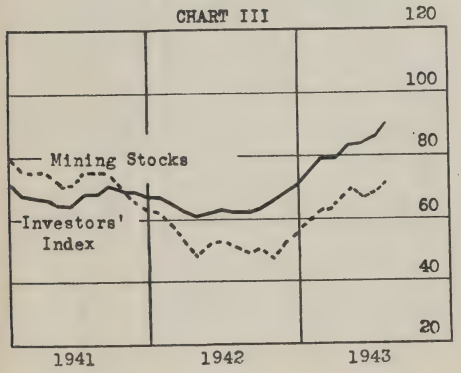
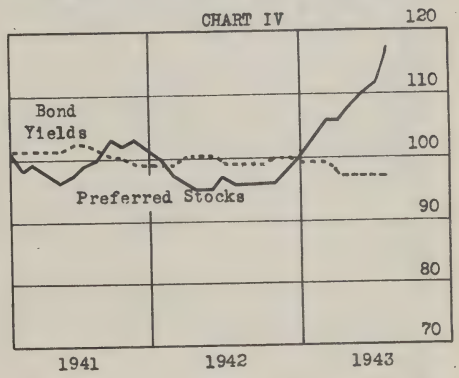
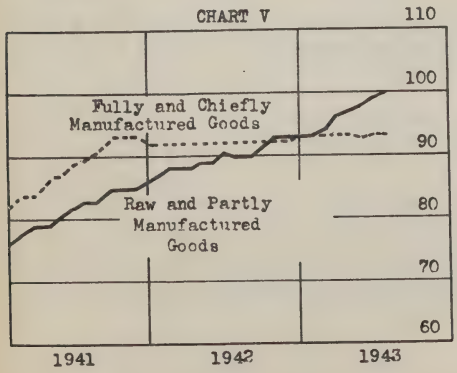
(CHARTS II, III, & IV - Average of 1935-39 Prices=100)

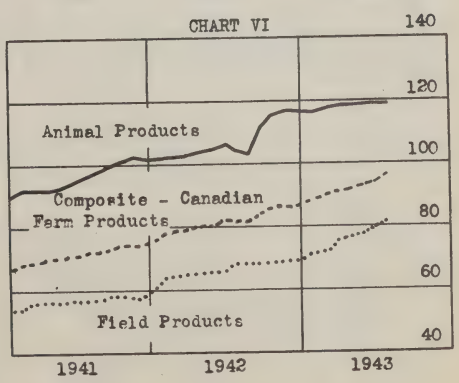












INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS IN CANADA, 1939 - JULY 2, 1943.
(1935-39=100)

	Percentage Increase Since August 1, 1939	Total Index	Food Index	Rent Index	Fuel and Lighting Index	Clothing Index	Home Furnishing and Services Index	Miscellaneous Index	Retail Prices Index (Commodities only)
1939	0.7	101.5	100.6	103.8	101.2	100.7	101.4	101.4	101.0
1940	4.8	105.6	105.6	106.3	107.1	103.2	107.2	102.3	106.6
1941	10.8	111.7	116.1	109.4	110.3	116.1	113.8	105.1	114.9
1942	16.1	117.0	127.2	111.3	112.3	120.0	117.9	107.1	122.4
1939 - August 1	-	100.8	99.3	103.8	99.0	100.1	100.9	101.3	100.0
1941 - October 1	14.6	115.5	123.2	111.2	112.1	119.6	117.3	106.5	120.1
November 1	15.4	116.3	125.4	111.2	112.7	120.0	117.9	106.7	121.4
December 1	14.9	115.8	123.8	111.2	112.7	119.9	117.9	106.7	120.6
1942 - April 1	15.0	115.9	123.7	111.2	112.9	119.8	118.1	107.1	120.6
May 1	15.2	116.1	124.3	111.3	112.9	119.9	118.0	107.1	120.9
June 1	15.8	116.7	126.2	111.3	112.6	119.9	117.9	107.1	121.8
+ July 2	17.0	117.9	130.3	111.3	112.5	120.0	117.9	107.1	123.9
August 1	16.8	117.7	129.6	111.3	112.5	120.1	117.8	107.1	123.5
September 1	16.5	117.4	128.5	111.3	112.5	120.1	117.8	107.1	123.0
October 1	16.9	117.8	129.8	111.3	112.8	120.1	117.8	107.1	123.7
November 2	17.7	118.6	132.4	111.3	112.8	120.1	117.8	107.1	125.0
December 1	17.9	118.8	132.8	111.3	112.8	120.2	117.8	107.2	125.2
1943 - January 2	16.2	117.1	127.3	111.3	112.8	120.2	117.8	107.5	122.5
February 1	16.0	116.9	126.7	111.3	112.7	120.1	117.8	107.5	122.2
March 1	16.3	117.2	127.7	111.3	112.7	120.1	117.8	107.5	122.7
April 1	16.7	117.6	128.7	111.3	112.7	120.2	117.8	107.7	123.2
May 1	17.2	118.1	129.9	111.5	112.7	120.2	117.8	108.0	124.0
June 1	17.6	118.5	130.9	111.5	113.0	120.4	117.8	108.2	124.5
July 2	17.9	118.8	131.8	111.5	113.4	120.5	117.8	108.2	125.1

\+ By Order-in-Council P.C. 6219 as amended, prices of cigarettes and tobacco used in the index for purposes of computing cost-of-living bonuses do not include the tax imposed on June 24, 1942, by the Special War Revenue Act. Since indirect taxes of this kind previously have been included in the index, a July figure reflecting the new tax has been computed to maintain continuity with preceding calculations. This index is 119.7.

INDEX NUMBERS OF RETAIL PRICES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES OF FOOD IN CANADA, AUGUST 1, 1939, AUGUST 1, 1942, JULY 2, 1943.
(1935-39=100)

	Beef Sirloin	Beef Blade	Veal Roast	Lamb Roast	Pork Fresh	Bacon Breakfast	Lard Pure	Eggs Grade "A"	Milk Fresh	Butter Creamery
1939 - Aug. 1	110.7	111.4	105.5	100.3	105.8	97.4	73.4	91.5	100.0	98.7
1942 - Aug. 1	153.3	177.6	162.3	147.7	137.2	130.7	103.9	120.2	111.0	125.9
Sept. 1....	147.3	170.6	164.1	135.4	137.2	131.0	102.6	134.1	111.0	126.5
Oct. 1	145.8	167.1	164.8	133.1	136.8	131.9	103.2	151.7	112.8	127.8
Nov. 2.....	153.2	174.3	168.5	132.7	138.1	132.5	105.2	167.4	112.8	129.4
Dec. 1	150.2	174.8	167.3	133.5	138.0	133.4	109.1	170.1	112.8	132.7
1943 - Jan 2	151.4	176.9	170.4	137.7	138.9	134.0	113.6	155.3	94.5	129.4
Feb. 1	151.8	179.0	174.2	144.6	133.7	134.6	116.2	134.1	94.5	123.4
Mar. 1	154.9	183.9	178.0	146.9	140.5	135.2	118.2	130.2	95.4	123.4
April 1 ...	156.5	187.4	187.6	148.5	143.1	135.5	118.8	124.8	95.4	123.4
May 1	158.1	191.6	186.8	150.0	143.3	135.2	119.5	122.7	95.4	123.1
June 1	160.1	196.5	191.8	153.8	145.7	135.2	119.5	123.9	95.4	126.5
July 2	160.5	197.9	188.7	170.4	146.2	135.8	119.5	131.7	95.4	135.0

	Cheese Canadian	Potatoes	Tomatoes Canned	Bread White	Flour Household	Raisins	Jam Strawberry	Sugar Granulated	Tea	Weighted Food Index (46 Items)
1939 - Aug. 1	98.2	126.4	91.3	98.4	78.4	100.0	96.5	101.6	105.6	99.3
1942 - Aug. 1	102.4	220.5	118.8	104.8	100.0	103.6	106.5	134.4	156.3	129.6
Sept. 1 ...	101.5	162.4	118.8	104.8	100.0	103.6	106.5	134.4	156.3	128.5
Oct. 1	100.6	151.9	118.8	104.8	100.0	101.8	107.1	134.4	156.3	129.8
Nov. 2	100.1	153.1	118.8	104.8	100.0	100.6	107.7	134.4	156.3	132.4
Dec. 1	100.1	154.7	118.8	104.8	100.0	98.8	107.7	134.4	156.3	132.8
1943 - Jan 2	159.6	158.5	118.8	104.8	100.0	97.6	108.3	134.4	138.7	127.3
Feb. 1	159.6	165.5	119.7	104.8	100.0	97.6	108.3	134.4	138.4	126.7
Mar. 1	159.6	170.9	119.7	104.8	100.0	99.6	108.9	134.4	138.4	127.7
April 1 ...	160.6	181.0	120.5	104.8	100.0	101.8	108.5	134.4	138.4	128.7
May 1	161.5	194.6	120.5	104.8	100.0	102.9	108.9	134.4	138.7	129.8
June 1	162.0	202.3	120.5	104.8	100.0	104.9	108.9	134.4	138.7	130.9
July 2	162.4	210.1	120.5	104.8	100.0	106.9	108.9	134.4	138.7	131.8

INVESTORS' MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCKS

(1935-39=100)

Number of Securities 1943	GENERAL	INDUSTRIALS						
	Total	Total	Machinery and Equipment	Pulp and Paper	Milling	Oils	Textiles and Clothing	Food and Allied Products
	95	68	8	7	3	4	10	12
1941 - January ..	71.3	66.9	77.6	74.1	72.3	51.6	110.6	96.8
February ..	66.5	62.3	72.9	63.8	69.5	48.7	105.0	90.1
March	66.8	63.1	73.6	65.4	69.5	49.5	103.1	87.9
April	65.8	62.3	73.2	63.9	63.6	49.4	101.3	88.6
May	63.9	60.7	71.8	59.7	63.4	51.3	97.4	88.6
June	64.0	60.3	72.0	59.5	67.5	48.0	101.1	90.1
July	67.5	64.0	76.3	66.1	67.5	48.4	105.7	90.5
August ..	67.8	64.4	76.8	70.2	72.4	49.1	106.3	91.8
September .	71.0	67.5	80.5	78.5	75.1	51.3	108.4	93.3
October ..	69.1	65.5	78.3	75.5	74.5	51.2	105.7	91.9
November ..	68.8	65.3	78.2	76.4	74.9	52.9	110.0	91.0
December ..	67.2	63.9	75.5	72.9	72.2	49.0	110.4	91.4
1942 - January ...	66.8	62.9	74.3	71.9	74.5	45.9	112.8	88.7
February ..	64.7	60.8	73.4	69.3	69.7	43.6	108.7	85.5
March	62.3	57.8	69.7	66.1	70.9	41.2	104.3	75.8
April	61.1	56.6	70.6	63.2	69.6	41.4	102.4	74.2
May	62.0	57.9	74.7	61.1	70.5	43.2	104.3	73.5
June	62.8	58.4	76.2	61.1	69.6	44.5	106.6	73.9
July	62.4	58.6	76.6	58.9	65.3	46.6	100.4	75.9
August ...	61.6	58.5	76.0	56.0	61.2	47.5	97.7	75.3
September .	62.6	59.8	77.9	55.9	62.0	49.0	99.8	74.2
October ..	65.0	62.2	80.3	57.8	64.9	51.0	99.6	74.0
November ..	67.6	64.1	82.5	62.6	72.3	53.7	101.6	77.1
December ..	71.3	67.2	86.0	71.2	81.9	57.9	109.3	82.5
1943 - January ..	76.3	72.1	90.3	75.3	82.4	62.9	114.3	88.2
February ..	78.7	75.6	94.0	75.8	88.3	67.2	117.4	88.1
March	79.1	75.0	96.7	77.1	89.5	65.6	118.1	81.6
April	82.6	77.4	100.8	79.6	93.3	67.7	121.1	87.4
May	83.7	77.6	104.0	89.3	91.6	67.9	119.9	88.7
June	86.3	79.8	108.6	94.7	96.0	73.2	124.0	89.4
July	91.0	85.7	110.5	106.8	94.1	84.9	126.0	91.5

INVESTORS' MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCKS - Concl'd

(1935-39=100)

Number of Securities 1943	INDUSTRIALS - Concl'd				UTILITIES			BANKS
	Beverages	Building Materials	Industrial Mines	Total	Transportation	Telephone Telegraph	Power and Traction	Total
	7	15	2	19	2	2	15	8
1941 - January...	104.3	84.0	73.2	77.3	60.9	101.2	75.4	94.7
February .	96.6	77.3	67.3	71.3	51.6	100.2	68.8	90.9
March ...	93.7	78.5	69.0	70.7	55.7	99.2	67.0	89.9
April ...	88.1	77.8	67.8	68.2	57.3	97.8	62.2	89.7
May	82.8	74.4	62.6	65.2	54.8	91.6	60.3	88.3
June	87.3	74.9	64.2	67.1	58.9	92.0	62.0	89.0
July	94.3	77.8	72.3	70.6	65.8	93.0	65.3	89.7
August ..	95.7	79.7	71.5	71.2	70.0	94.6	64.4	89.7
September.	102.4	82.4	75.8	74.7	70.3	98.6	68.8	91.2
October ..	98.7	78.9	71.7	72.5	65.7	96.8	67.2	90.8
November .	102.6	77.8	68.9	71.1	65.2	95.3	65.5	91.7
December .	104.8	75.5	69.7	68.7	60.4	95.9	63.0	90.5
1942 - January ..	99.2	75.1	71.9	70.4	64.5	95.5	64.4	91.1
February .	96.3	73.9	70.1	67.7	60.5	93.5	62.1	91.1
March ...	92.8	74.0	67.3	67.5	59.4	93.5	62.0	89.4
April ...	93.1	73.9	64.2	66.3	60.6	91.9	60.2	88.4
May	94.2	75.7	65.2	66.4	59.6	92.0	60.7	87.4
June	93.6	76.8	64.9	68.1	56.6	92.3	64.3	87.7
July	95.5	75.3	62.7	67.8	58.4	86.5	65.2	81.7
August ..	98.3	73.1	61.9	67.8	58.8	80.8	66.9	71.9
September.	98.7	71.2	64.1	69.2	62.5	83.4	67.1	69.0
October ..	98.9	70.8	68.4	72.0	73.4	83.9	67.9	70.3
November .	105.5	74.9	68.0	77.6	85.7	87.1	72.1	72.3
December .	107.3	79.6	69.1	83.8	88.2	89.8	80.7	74.4
1943 - January ..	109.7	84.0	74.3	90.0	92.1	93.3	88.5	76.7
February .	111.8	85.0	78.6	88.0	84.7	92.2	88.0	78.6
March ...	113.9	85.3	79.6	92.1	102.1	93.7	88.6	80.2
April ...	128.2	89.5	79.7	101.4	123.3	96.8	95.8	80.9
May	128.1	91.4	79.2	106.2	133.4	95.0	101.0	80.5
June	133.5	93.1	77.3	111.1	126.3	96.6	111.1	81.4
July	137.9	94.5	78.7	112.4	130.5	98.1	111.3	81.7

INDEX NUMBERS OF TWENTY-FIVE MINING STOCKS

(1935-39=100)

No. of Stocks 1943	Golds 22	Base Metals 3	Total Index 25
1942 - March	40.1	75.3	51.9
April	37.5	72.8	49.3
May	39.6	75.8	51.7
June	42.6	74.3	53.2
July	39.3	73.3	50.6
August	38.0	72.3	49.4
September	38.4	72.1	49.7
October	33.3	71.8	46.2
November	40.7	73.2	51.6
December	44.7	74.4	54.7
1943 - January	50.1	79.4	60.0
February	52.0	80.3	61.5
March	55.6	83.4	65.0
April	59.0	87.0	68.6
May	56.6	87.0	66.9
June	59.1	86.3	68.4
July	62.8	88.2	71.5
Weekly Index Numbers			
Week ending June 10th	59.6	87.2	69.0
" " " 17th	59.3	85.5	68.2
" " " 24th	58.3	86.3	67.8
" " July 1st	59.3	86.2	68.5
" " " 8th	59.5	86.5	68.7
" " " 15th	62.5	88.0	71.3
" " " 22nd	63.5	87.8	71.9
" " " 29th	65.5	90.4	74.1

MONTHLY INDEXES OF AMERICAN STOCK PRICES, 1942-1943

(Issued by Standard and Poor's Trade Securities)

(1935-39=100)

	Composite	Industrials	Railroads	Utilities
1942 - May	63.2	64.7	60.3	57.2
June	66.1	68.2	59.0	58.8
July	68.2	70.6	62.9	58.4
August	68.3	70.5	65.4	58.8
September	69.4	71.6	66.7	59.5
October	74.2	76.5	72.7	63.7
November	75.2	77.2	73.0	66.2
December	75.9	78.5	69.3	65.2
1943 - January	79.7	82.3	73.7	69.3
February	84.8	87.7	77.5	73.3
March	88.2	90.8	86.4	76.2
April	91.3	93.7	92.8	79.1
May	95.2	97.2	97.5	84.0
June	96.7	99.3	94.3	84.7

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MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELDS, - 1937-1943
(1935-1939=100)

	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
January	95.2	102.2	97.3	100.3	100.6	99.4	98.8
February	100.1	100.8	97.2	107.2	100.8	99.3	98.5
March	106.4	100.3	95.4	107.9	100.5	99.6	97.6
April	107.2	97.4	96.3	105.5	100.6	99.6	97.3
May	106.4	96.9	97.8	104.5	101.1	99.5	97.3
June	105.6	98.0	95.7	107.8	101.3	98.9	97.3
July	104.4	98.7	96.0	107.0	101.5	98.7	97.3
August	102.9	98.8	98.6	104.3	101.2	99.0	-
September	103.2	101.9	117.0	103.1	100.3	99.4	-
October	106.2	99.3	111.9	102.6	100.2	99.6	-
November	105.7	97.4	108.4	101.9	99.1	99.6	-
December	102.9	97.2	110.5	101.0	99.3	99.4	-

WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BONDS, 1947.

	Yields		Yields		Yields
May 5	97.3	June 2.....	97.3	July 7	97.3
" 12	97.3	" 9.....	97.3	" 14	97.3
" 19	97.3	" 16.....	97.3	" 21	97.3
" 26	97.3	" 23.....	97.3	" 28	97.3
		" 30.....	97.3		

INDEX NUMBERS OF 30 PREFERRED STOCK PRICES, 1936-1943
(1935-1939=100)

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1936..	90.3	92.1	92.0	91.7	90.0	91.9	95.9	97.2	101.1	104.7	109.9	112.3
1937.	119.7	121.1	123.8	124.4	120.9	119.8	119.9	122.4	109.3	99.2	98.9	97.7
1938.	100.6	99.0	93.5	94.3	96.6	98.7	105.2	104.7	98.1	106.2	105.5	104.3
1939	102.5	101.8	101.2	95.2	95.3	98.8	100.1	97.7	100.5	107.4	108.7	110.1
1940.	110.7	109.7	108.8	108.9	96.7	86.9	89.0	93.9	99.1	100.7	103.0	101.7
1941.	101.4	97.6	98.7	97.9	96.3	96.8	98.5	100.0	103.2	102.2	102.6	100.7
1942..	99.6	96.8	95.6	94.5	95.4	96.5	95.7	95.8	95.6	96.2	97.5	100.4
1943.	102.7	105.5	106.4	108.2	110.1	113.3	117.3					

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PRICE MOVEMENTS, AUGUST, 1943.

WHOLESALE: Continued strength in wholesale prices in August moved the composite index for 526 items up a further 0.3 points to 100.4. Advances for wood, wood products and paper and animal products outweighed a small decline in vegetable products. Due mainly to the removal of subsidies on certain western lumber descriptions on August 16, the composite index for wood, wood products and paper stiffened 1.7 points to 109.5 for August. Advances in this group were recorded for B.C. fir and cedar. A gain of 0.4 to 108.0 in animal products reflected higher prices for canned salmon, calves and eggs; these more than counterbalanced lower quotations for dry shore codfish, steers, lambs, certain fresh meats, and butter at Regina. A small increase in the ceiling price for bricks was insufficient to move the non-metallic minerals group index from the July level of 100.5. Vegetable products dipped 0.1 to 92.4 between July and August. Lower prices for oranges, bananas, cottonseed oil, onions at Toronto, potatoes at Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver, and various descriptions of hay more than offset higher quotations for lemons, wheat and rosin.

A rise of 1.1 points to 98.7 was recorded for the composite index of 30 industrial materials between July and August. This reflected higher prices for wheat, hogs, fir, spruce and rosin, which overbalanced fractional losses for steers and cottonseed oil. Sub-group reflections of these price changes showed foods 1.0 points higher at 99.3, the stable series up 2.0 points at 119.1, and manufacturing items 0.4 to 82.9.

Advances for field product prices offset weakness in the animal products section to hold the monthly index for Canadian farm products unchanged in August at 36.4. Higher wheat prices more than counterbalanced further seasonal weakness in potatoes, onions and hay and the field products sub-group moved up 0.5 points to 83.1. A drop of 0.8 points to 118.6 for animal products in the same interval reflected lower quotations for livestock; seasonal strength for eggs continued.

COST OF LIVING: (Wartime increase 18.3 per cent - from 100.8 to 119.2). The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index advanced from 118.8 on July 2 to 119.2 on August 2, 1943. This was the sixth consecutive month in which the index has recorded an increase. The total rise for the period has been 2.3 points, with monthly advances ranging from 0.3 to 0.5 points. The decline of 1.9 points occurring in January and February 1943 has been offset by this advance, with a small margin to spare, and the August 1943 index is 1.3 points above the index for July 1942 upon which the last cost-of-living bonus was authorized.

Foods accounted for most of the August increase. The food index mounted from 131.8 for July to 133.2 for August. Eggs were sharply higher, and there were small scattered increases for beef, veal, lamb, onions, raisins, and lemons. Clothing and homefurnishings gained fractionally from 120.5 to 120.6 and 117.8 to 117.9 respectively. Other group indexes remained unchanged, fuel and lighting at 113.4, rentals at 111.5, and miscellaneous items at 108.2.

SECURITIES: Mixed price trends were in evidence on Canadian stock markets in August with declines predominating. Emphasis tended to shift from war issues to

those with definite postwar potentialities.

The Investors' composite monthly index for 94 common stocks dipped 2.3 p.c. to 88.9 on losses in both the industrial and utility sections. The following statement shows the more important sub-group changes between July and August

Sub-Group	Percentage Change	Sub-Group	Percentage Change
Transportation	- 7.3	Food and allied products	+ 2.1
Industrial mines	- 3.3	Telephone and Telegraph	+ 2.0
Oils	- 3.3	Banks	+ 1.2
Power and traction	- 2.1		
Milling	- 2.0		

Mining stocks continued to be a feature of the market in August, the composite index for 25 representative issues rising a further 5.0 p.c. to 75.1. Golds were outstanding, touching an index level of 66.4 for a net gain of 5.7 p.c. Base metals worked 3.7 p.c. higher to 91.5 in the same interval. Compared with levels of a year ago, gold stocks are currently 74.7 p. c. higher and base metals 26.6 p.c.

There was little net change in preferred stocks, the composite index for 30 representative issues moving up 0.4 p.c. to 117.8 for August. Shares for newsprint issues registered the greatest change, advancing 5.1 p.c., while smaller increases were recorded for oils up 1.8 p.c., beverages 0.9 p.c. and textiles, power, and miscellaneous sub-groups each 0.4 p.c. higher. Declines were noted for tobacco company shares, off 2.0 p.c.; machinery and equipment 1.5 p.c. and milling 1.1 p.c.

The yield of a Dominion of Canada theoretical 15-year bond, as computed by the Bank of Canada, remained at 3.00 during August, and the corresponding index, on the base 1935-1939=100, stood at 97.3. This was the fifth successive month in which this index has remained without change, and it represents the lowest level since July 1939. Province of Ontario bond yields moved slightly lower, and an index of representative issues, compiled from information furnished by Wood, Gundy and Company, Limited declined from 85.2 for July to 83.0 for August. The yield decreased from 3.00 to 2.92.

WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES

(1926=100)

	Industrial Materials				Canadian Farm Products			
	May 1943	June 1943	July 1943	August 1943	May 1943	June 1943	July 1943	August 1943
1st week	96.8	97.1	97.6	98.3	93.4	93.6	93.8	97.2
2nd week	96.8	97.3	97.7	98.2	92.7	94.3	94.9	97.3
3rd week	97.0	97.4	98.0	98.3	92.9	94.8	97.0	96.2
4th week	97.1	97.3	98.0	98.3	93.2	94.0	97.2	95.5
5th week			98.2				97.1	

SUMMARY TABLES OF CANADIAN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

(1926=100)

	General Wholesale Price Index	Consumers' Goods	Producers' Goods	Building Materials	Raw and Partly Manufactured Goods	Fully and Chiefly Manufactured Goods
1913	64.0	62.0	67.7	67.0	63.8	64.8
1920	155.9	136.1	164.3	144.0	154.1	156.5
1929	95.6	94.7	96.1	99.0	97.5	93.0
1933	67.1	71.1	63.1	78.3	56.6	70.2
1939	75.4	75.9	70.4	89.7	67.4	75.3
1940	82.9	83.4	78.7	95.6	75.3	81.5
1941	90.0	91.1	83.6	107.3	81.8	88.3
1942	95.6	95.6	88.3	115.2	90.1	91.9
1939						
August	72.3	72.7	66.7	90.2	62.8	72.6
1942						
July	96.0	96.4	88.0	114.5	90.7	91.8
August	95.5	95.2	88.8	114.5	90.0	91.7
September	95.8	95.4	89.1	114.8	90.6	92.0
October	96.6	96.3	89.4	116.5	92.2	92.1
November	96.9	96.7	89.6	116.5	92.7	92.4
December	97.0	96.5	90.0	117.2	92.8	92.6
1943						
January	97.1	96.1	90.8	118.3	93.1	92.5
February	97.5	96.4	91.3	118.3	93.9	92.7
March	98.5	96.7	92.7	118.4	95.6	93.3
April	98.9	96.7	93.2	119.1	97.1	92.7
May	99.2	97.0	93.6	119.1	98.0	92.7
June	99.5	97.3	94.1	119.1	98.7	92.8
July	100.1	97.5	95.2	119.3	100.0	92.8
August	100.4	97.4	95.7	121.6	100.5	93.0

SUMMARY TABLES OF CANADIAN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS - Concl'd
(1926=100)

	Canadian Farm Products			Industrial Materials	Eighteen Sensitive Materials	Twelve Stable Materials
	Field	Animal	Total			
1913	56.4	77.0	64.1	-	-	-
1920	166.5	150.8	160.6	-	-	-
1929	93.8	112.5	100.8	91.8	88.8	96.5
1933	45.8	59.7	51.0	54.1	43.7	75.0
1939	54.2	81.2	64.3	69.0	57.8	89.4
1940	56.0	85.8	67.1	79.0	66.8	101.7
1941	56.5	95.9	71.2	87.3	75.2	103.2
1942	66.5	109.3	82.5	94.2	83.1	113.7
1939						
August	48.2	75.4	58.4	65.3	52.8	88.4
1942						
July	67.7	103.5	81.1	94.6	83.6	114.0
August	68.4	103.0	81.3	94.3	83.1	114.0
September	67.8	112.2	84.3	94.8	83.9	114.0
October	67.9	115.5	85.7	95.0	83.9	114.4
November	68.4	116.7	86.5	94.9	83.8	114.4
December	68.0	117.3	87.0	95.1	84.1	114.4
1943						
January	70.6	116.2	87.7	96.1	84.9	115.6
February	71.6	116.8	88.5	96.3	85.3	115.6
March	75.4	117.6	91.2	96.6	85.8	115.6
April	76.8	118.2	92.3	96.7	85.7	116.0
May	77.4	118.7	92.8	97.0	85.8	116.6
June	79.4	119.4	94.4	97.5	86.2	116.6
July	82.6	119.4	96.4	97.8	86.5	117.1
August	83.1	118.6	96.4	98.7	87.0	119.1

COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION
(1926-100)

Note: Wholesale price indexes appearing in this bulletin are subject to revision.

	Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1942	August 1942	June 1943	July 1943	August 1943
	Total Index	526	95.6	95.5	99.5	100.1	100.4
1.	Vegetable Products	123	84.5	85.2	91.3	92.5	92.4
	Fruits	14	107.9	111.3	120.8	116.8	116.4
	Fresh	4	115.6	120.5	133.2	127.8	127.3
	Dried	4	93.4	93.6	93.7	93.7	93.7
	Canned	6	75.9	73.5	73.5	73.5	73.5
	Grains	22	63.7	66.1	75.3	79.4	80.8
	Flour and Milled Products	12	77.0	78.5	79.1	79.4	79.4
	Bakery Products	2	86.8	86.8	86.8	86.8	86.8
	Vegetable Oils	4	132.1	132.2	132.5	130.5	129.8
	Rubber and Its Products	7	75.7	75.7	75.7	75.7	75.7
	Sugar and Its Products and Glucose	8	121.3	121.4	121.4	121.5	121.5
	Tea, Coffee, Cocoa and Spices	13	121.3	122.7	111.6	111.7	111.7
	Vegetables	13	93.1	86.2	125.9	123.2	115.9
11.	Animals and Their Products	75	101.1	99.6	106.7	107.6	108.0
	Fishery Products	16	111.0	108.1	126.0	128.7	134.6
	Furs	9	74.3	74.5	105.3	106.7	106.7
	Hides and Skins	6	114.6	99.8	120.0	94.2	94.2
	Leather, Unmanufactured	9	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9
	Boots and Shoes	2	105.6	105.7	105.7	106.0	106.0
	Live Stock	4	130.7	127.2	153.0	154.2	148.8
	Meats and Poultry	3	106.1	106.4	113.2	113.9	113.9
	Milk and Its Products	12	97.8	96.0	98.2	98.3	98.2
	Fats	5	76.2	73.1	83.8	83.8	83.8
	Eggs	3	87.7	83.8	87.3	95.6	99.5
111.	Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	64	92.0	91.9	91.9	91.9	91.9
	Cotton Fabrics	19	82.6	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5
	Knit Goods	3	100.5	98.9	98.9	98.9	98.9
	Flax, Hemp & Jute Products	6	91.4	92.2	92.2	92.2	92.2
	Rayon Fabrics	2	67.4	67.2	67.2	67.2	67.2
	Rayon Yarns	2	49.1	49.0	49.0	49.0	49.0
	Wool, Raw	3	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7
	Wool Hosiery and Knit Goods	5	108.8	108.8	108.8	108.8	108.8
	Wool Cloth	6	105.2	105.2	105.2	105.2	105.2
1V.	Wood, Wood Products & Paper	49	101.8	101.5	107.6	107.8	109.5
	Newsprint & Wrapping Paper	2	74.0	74.0	80.1	80.1	80.1
	Lumber	33	133.0	131.7	141.8	142.4	147.3
	Pulp	3	118.1	119.0	119.0	119.0	119.0
	Furniture	10	104.7	104.7	104.7	104.7	104.7

COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

	Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1942	August 1942	June 1943	July 1943	August 1943
V.	Iron and Its Products	44	115.4	115.8	115.7	115.7	115.7
	Pig Iron and Steel Billets	3	104.5	104.8	104.8	104.8	104.8
	Rolling Mill Products	14	121.0	121.3	121.3	121.3	121.3
	Hardware	16	93.9	93.9	93.9	93.9	93.9
	Wire	3	103.4	105.5	105.5	105.5	105.5
	Scrap	5	111.9	111.9	109.7	109.7	109.7
VI.	Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	17	78.4	77.7	79.7	79.7	79.7
	Brass and Copper Products	5	86.7	86.7	86.7	86.7	86.7
	Lead and Its Products	2	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1
	Tin Ingots	2	95.7	95.6	95.6	95.6	95.6
	Zinc and Its Products	2	59.1	59.1	59.1	59.2	59.2
	Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products (V and VI above)	61	103.1	103.1	103.7	103.7	103.7
VII.	Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	81	99.0	99.2	99.8	100.5	100.5
	Clay and Allied Materials Products	10	97.6	96.3	101.3	101.3	102.4
	Coal	13	113.0	113.7	115.2	117.2	117.2
	Coke	4	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5
	Manufactured Gas	3	103.5	103.5	103.5	103.5	103.5
	Glass and Its Products	6	104.4	104.4	104.4	104.4	104.4
	Petroleum Products	5	82.4	82.4	82.4	82.4	82.4
	Asphalt	2	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3
	Salt	4	130.6	130.6	130.6	130.6	130.6
	Lime	4	112.2	112.2	112.2	112.2	112.2
	Cement	1	106.5	106.5	106.5	106.5	106.5
	Sand and Gravel	8	88.0	87.3	87.3	87.3	87.3
	Crushed Stone	3	83.0	80.3	80.3	80.3	80.3
	Building Stone	3	70.8	70.8	70.8	70.8	70.8
	Asbestos	8	74.1	74.1	74.1	74.1	74.1
VIII.	Chemicals and Allied Products	73	102.7	102.1	100.4	100.5	100.5
	Inorganic Chemicals	22	89.0	89.4	89.4	89.4	89.1
	Organic Chemicals	5	87.6	87.6	87.6	87.6	87.6
	Coal Tar Products	2	91.1	91.1	91.1	91.1	91.1
	Dyeing and Tanning Materials	10	136.4	136.4	140.0	141.3	141.3
	Explosives	2	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1
	Paints, Prepared	1	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5
	Drugs and Pharmaceutical Chemicals	8	175.1	176.8	162.6	162.6	162.6
	Fertilizers	10	86.2	84.8	83.7	83.7	83.7
	Industrial Gases	2	83.3	83.7	84.4	85.2	85.5

PURPOSE CLASSIFICATION

(1926-100)

Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1942	August 1942	June 1943	July 1943	August 1943
I. CONSUMERS' GOODS (Groups A and B)	215	95.6	95.2	97.3	97.5	97.4
A. Foods, Beverages and Tobacco	118	98.1	97.3	102.1	102.6	102.5
B. Other Consumers' Goods	97	94.0	93.8	92.3	92.4	92.4
II. PRODUCERS' GOODS (Groups C and D)	377	88.3	88.8	94.1	95.2	95.7
C. Producers' Equipment	24	100.4	110.1	112.4	114.2	114.2
D. Producers' Materials	353	86.0	86.4	92.1	93.1	93.6

ORIGIN CLASSIFICATION

Total Raw and Partly Manufactured	223	90.1	90.0	98.7	100.0	100.5
Farm Origin - Field	84	73.1	74.1	84.5	86.8	87.1
Farm Origin - Animal	36	102.9	100.8	112.0	112.1	112.1
Marine	7	98.6	99.2	116.1	123.1	123.1
Forest x	37	128.5	127.8	134.9	135.3	138.9
Mineral	59	94.8	94.9	96.1	96.9	96.9
Total Fully and Chiefly Manufactured	302	91.9	91.7	92.8	92.8	92.0
Farm Origin - Field	83	88.6	88.8	89.2	89.2	89.2
Farm Origin - Animal	54	94.3	93.6	92.2	92.2	92.2
Marine	9	118.3	112.6	132.9	133.0	133.8
Forest	20	77.6	77.6	82.9	82.9	82.9
Mineral	136	101.0	101.1	101.2	101.2	101.2

x Included both domestic and export prices.

WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES

(All prices given in Canadian Funds)

Commodity		Yearly Average 1942	August 1942	June 1943	July 1943	August 1943
		$	$	$	$	$
WHEAT, No. 1 Man. Northern Ft. William and Pt. Arthur cash basis	bu.	.835	.869	1.015	1.093	1.113
OATS, No. 2 C. W. Ft. William and Pt. Arthur, cash basis	bu.	.491	.461	.513	.515	.515
FLOUR, First Patent, 2-98's Cotton bags, Toronto		5.050	5.050	5.050	5.050	5.050
SUGAR, Granulated, Montreal	cwt.	6.893	6.893	6.893	6.893	6.893
LINSEED OIL, Raw, Montreal	gal.	.896	.900	.900	.870	.870
STEERS, good up to 1,050 lbs. Toronto	cwt.	10.408	9.940	12.400	12.530	11.920
HOGS, BI, Dressed, Toronto	cwt.	15.726	16.110	16.780	16.840	16.850
PACKER HIDES, Native Steers, Toronto	lb.	.150	.150	.150	.150	.150
LEATHER, Packer crops, No. 1 and 11 f.o.b. Distributing points	lb.	.480	.480	.480	.480	.480
BOX SIDES D, f.o.b. Ont. Factory	ft.	.240	.240	.240	.240	.240
BUTTER, Creamery prints, first grade Montreal	lb.	.365	.361	.350	.350	.350
CHEESE, Canada, old large, Montreal	lb.	.339	.340	.305	.305	.305
EGGS, Grade "A" large, Montreal	doz.	.406	.429	.399	.459	.493
COTTON YARNS, 10's white single Hosiery cops, Mill	lb.	.303	.293	.293	.293	.293
WOOL, Eastern bright ¼ blood Domestic, f.o.b. Ontario.	lb.	.310	.310	.310	.310	.310
WOOL, western range, semi-bright ½ blood, domestic, f.o.b. Ontario	lb.	.260	.260	.260	.260	.260
PULP, groundwood, No. 1, delivered, Eastern Continental Divide	ton.	50.233	50.600	50.600	50.600	50.600
STEEL, Merchant bars, mild, Mill	cwt.	2.754	2.754	2.754	2.754	2.754
PIG IRON, foundry No. 1, f.o.b. Plant	gross. ton.	25.500	25.500	25.500	25.500	25.500
COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic, Montreal	cwt.	11.500	11.500	11.500	11.500	11.500
LEAD, domestic, f.o.b. carlots Montreal	cwt.	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000
TIN INGOTS, Straits, f.o.b. Toronto	lb.	.620	.620	.620	.620	.620
ZINC, domestic, f.o. b. carlots, Montreal	cwt.	5.150	5.150	5.150	5.150	5.150
COAL, Anthracite, Toronto f.o.b. carlots	ton.	12.540	12.553	12.414	12.360	12.360
COAL, Bituminous, N.S., run-of-mine	ton.	5.700	5.700	5.700	5.700	5.700
GASOLINE, Standard, Toronto Federal tax included	gal.	.205	.205	.205	.205	.205
SULPHURIC ACID, 66° Baume, f.o.b. works	net. ton.	18.000	18.000	18.000	18.000	18.000

PRICE INDEX NUMBER SYNOPSIS

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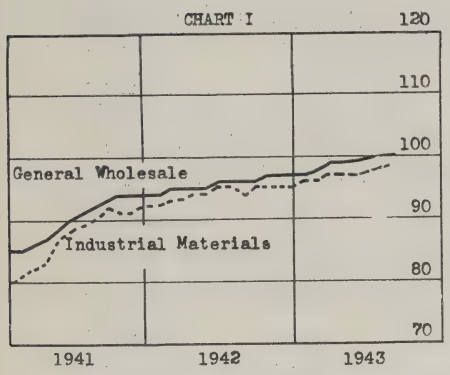

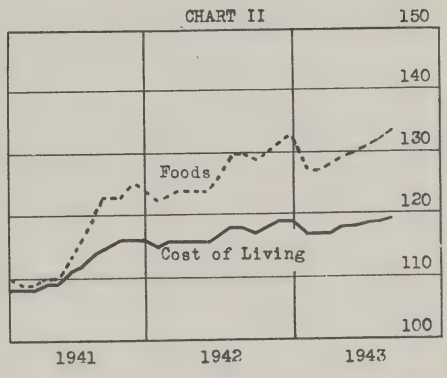

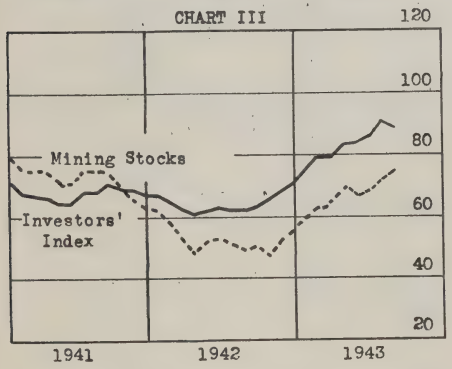

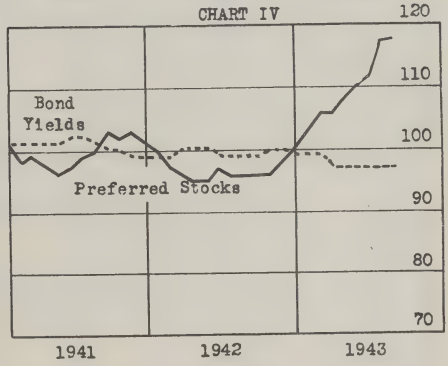

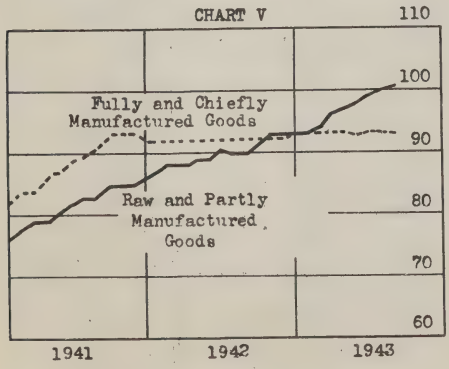

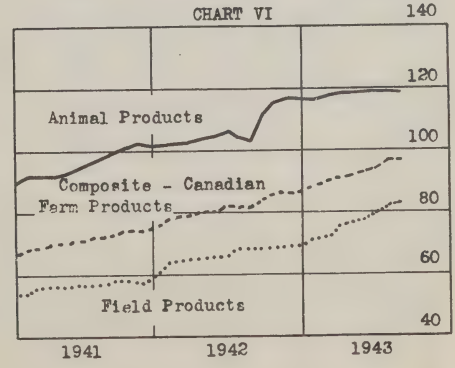

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS IN CANADA, 1939 - AUGUST 2, 1943.

(1939 = 100.)

	Percentage Increase Since August 1, 1939	Table Index	Food Index	Rent Index	Fuel and Light-ing Index	Clothing Index	Home Furnish-ings and Services Index	Miscel-laneous Index	[illegible] (Combined Index)
1939	0.7	101.5	100.6	103.8	101.2	100.7	101.4	101.4	101.0
1940	4.3	105.6	105.0	106.7	107.1	102.2	107.2	103.3	106.6
1941	10.8	111.7	116.1	108.4	110.3	116.1	112.3	105.1	114.3
1942	16.1	117.0	127.2	111.3	112.6	120.0	117.9	107.1	122.4
1939 - August 1	-	100.3	98.3	103.8	99.0	100.1	100.9	101.3	[illegible]
1941 - October 1	14.6	115.5	123.2	111.2	112.1	119.6	117.3	106.5	[illegible]
November 1	15.4	116.3	125.4	111.2	112.7	120.0	117.9	106.7	[illegible]
December 1	14.3	115.3	122.3	111.2	112.7	119.9	117.9	106.7	[illegible]
1942 - May 1	15.2	116.1	124.3	111.3	112.9	119.9	118.0	107.1	[illegible]
June 1	15.3	116.7	123.2	111.3	112.6	119.9	117.9	107.1	[illegible]
+ July 2	17.0	117.9	130.3	111.3	112.5	120.0	117.9	107.1	[illegible]
August 1	16.9	117.7	129.6	111.3	112.5	120.1	117.8	107.1	[illegible]
September 1	16.5	117.4	129.5	111.3	112.5	120.1	117.8	107.1	123.0
October 1	16.9	117.2	129.2	111.3	112.6	120.1	117.8	107.1	123.7
November 2	17.7	118.6	132.4	111.3	112.8	120.1	117.8	107.1	125.0
December 1	17.9	118.8	132.8	111.3	112.8	120.2	117.8	107.2	125.2
1943 - January 2	16.2	117.1	127.3	111.3	112.8	120.2	117.8	107.5	122.5
February 1	16.0	116.9	126.7	111.3	112.7	120.1	117.8	107.5	122.2
March 1	16.3	117.2	127.7	111.3	112.7	120.1	117.8	107.5	122.7
April 1	16.7	117.6	128.7	111.3	112.7	120.2	117.8	107.7	123.2
May 1	17.2	118.1	129.9	111.5	112.7	120.2	117.8	108.0	124.0
June 1	17.6	118.5	130.9	111.5	113.0	120.4	117.8	108.2	124.5
July 2	17.9	118.8	131.8	111.5	113.4	120.5	117.8	108.2	125.1
August 2	18.3	119.2	133.2	111.5	113.4	120.6	117.8	108.3	125.8

\+ By Order-in-Council P.C. 6219 as amended, prices of cigarettes and tobacco used in the index for purposes of computing cost-of-living bonuses do not include the tax imposed on June 24, 1942, and subsequently under the Special War Revenue Act. Since indirect taxes of this kind previously have been included in the index, an August figure reflecting the new tax has been computed to maintain continuity with preceding calculations. This index is 120.2.

INDEX NUMBERS OF TOTAL LIVING COSTS AND FOOD PRICES IN EIGHT REGIONAL CITIES

(August 1939=100)

	Halifax	Saint John	Montreal	Toronto	Winnipeg	Saskatoon	Edmonton	Vancouver
				GENERAL COST OF LIVING				
1940 - April 1	104.9	104.2	105.4	103.2	103.3	105.1	103.7	103.4
June 1	105.5	104.1	106.2	103.4	103.2	104.7	103.8	103.0
August 1	107.5	105.4	107.0	104.2	104.6	105.3	103.7	103.7
October 1	107.0	107.0	108.3	105.1	105.2	106.9	104.2	104.0
December 2 ...	108.0	108.7	109.4	105.8	106.3	108.6	105.6	105.3
1941 - February 1 ...	107.9	108.3	109.8	106.0	106.0	108.7	105.5	106.1
April 1	107.8	108.2	109.9	106.3	106.2	109.0	105.5	106.5
June 2	108.8	108.8	111.9	108.7	107.8	110.3	107.0	107.5
August 1	111.6	112.2	115.1	111.7	110.3	113.1	109.8	110.4
October 1	112.7	113.2	116.3	114.0	112.2	115.7	111.4	112.3
November 1 ...	113.7	114.6	117.2	115.0	113.1	116.4	111.6	112.9
December 1 ...	113.1	114.5	116.8	114.5	113.1	116.4	111.4	112.4
1942 - February 2 ...	113.5	115.2	117.1	114.5	112.4	115.7	110.9	112.1
April 1	113.5	115.1	117.4	114.7	112.6	116.1	111.1	112.2
June 1	114.0	115.4	118.2	115.5	113.1	116.2	112.0	113.1
August 1	115.8	117.2	118.7	116.2	115.0	117.5	114.1	115.0
October 1	115.5	116.6	119.4	116.3	114.5	117.0	113.6	115.4
December 1 ...	116.2	117.3	120.3	116.8	115.6	118.5	115.0	116.8
1943 - February 1 ...	114.7	115.9	118.8	115.3	114.1	116.7	113.5	114.7
April 1	115.7	116.7	119.0	115.4	114.7	117.4	114.1	116.7
June 1	117.1	117.8	120.6	116.3	115.1	117.8	115.2	116.9
August 2	118.7	119.0	121.3	117.3	115.6	118.9	116.0	117.7
				FOODS				
1940 - April 1	108.1	106.2	107.1	104.1	105.6	109.0	106.8	106.0
June 1	106.5	105.6	105.4	103.5	104.6	105.5	106.4	104.5
August 1	112.3	108.4	105.5	104.5	107.9	106.1	104.6	105.8
October 1	112.0	107.9	107.3	105.9	107.0	106.6	105.2	105.6
December 2 ...	115.2	112.5	110.6	107.6	110.3	112.1	109.9	109.0
1941 - February 1 ...	114.4	110.5	111.1	108.0	109.0	111.5	108.2	110.9
April 1	114.0	110.3	111.5	108.8	109.9	112.5	108.1	112.0
June 2	115.2	110.8	115.4	111.3	112.0	111.5	110.6	112.7
August 1	124.6	119.4	124.4	119.6	119.5	120.2	118.9	120.4
October 1	124.7	113.4	125.9	122.3	121.6	126.1	121.8	124.0
November 1 ...	128.1	122.7	127.9	125.5	123.9	127.0	121.9	125.6
December 1 ...	126.4	122.5	126.5	123.5	124.1	127.1	121.1	124.1
1942 - February 2 ...	127.3	124.1	127.1	123.2	121.7	124.9	119.4	122.8
April 1	127.3	123.9	128.0	123.9	122.4	126.2	119.7	123.3
June 1	129.0	124.9	130.7	126.7	124.1	126.5	123.0	126.0
August 1	135.1	130.1	132.3	129.0	129.9	130.7	130.2	131.9
October 1	133.5	128.3	134.0	129.5	128.5	129.1	128.2	133.1
December 1 ...	136.2	130.5	136.9	131.3	132.0	134.3	133.2	137.5
1943 - February 1 ...	130.8	124.6	132.0	126.1	126.8	127.8	126.2	129.4
April 1	132.7	127.0	132.6	126.2	129.0	129.9	128.2	135.8
June 1	136.3	130.1	137.3	128.3	129.7	131.2	131.6	134.7
August 2	141.3	133.7	139.5	131.2	131.2	134.6	134.1	137.2

INVESTORS' MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCKS

(1935-39=100)

Number of Securities 1943	GENERAL: Total 94	Total 68	INDUSTRIALS: Machinery and Equipment 8	Pulp and Paper 7	Milling 3	Oils 4	Textiles and Clothing 10	Food and Allied Products 12
1941 - January	71.3	66.9	77.6	74.1	72.3	51.6	110.6	96.8
February ...	66.5	62.3	72.9	63.8	69.5	48.7	105.0	90.1
March	66.8	63.1	73.6	65.4	69.5	49.5	103.1	87.9
April	65.8	62.3	73.2	63.9	68.6	49.4	101.3	88.6
May	63.9	60.7	71.8	59.7	63.4	51.3	97.4	88.6
June	64.0	60.3	72.0	59.5	67.5	48.0	101.1	89.1
July	67.5	64.0	76.3	66.1	67.5	48.4	105.7	90.5
August	67.8	64.4	76.8	70.2	72.4	49.1	106.3	91.8
September ..	71.0	67.5	80.5	78.5	75.1	51.3	108.4	93.3
October	69.1	65.5	78.3	75.5	74.5	51.2	105.7	91.9
November	68.8	65.3	78.2	76.4	74.9	52.9	110.0	91.0
December ...	67.2	63.9	75.5	72.9	72.2	49.0	110.4	91.4
1942 - January	66.8	62.9	74.3	71.9	74.5	45.9	112.8	88.7
February ...	64.7	60.8	73.4	69.3	69.7	43.6	108.7	85.5
March	62.3	57.8	69.7	66.1	70.9	41.2	104.3	75.8
April	61.1	56.6	70.6	63.2	69.6	41.4	102.4	74.2
May	62.0	57.9	74.7	61.1	70.5	43.2	104.3	73.5
June	62.8	58.4	76.2	61.1	69.6	44.5	106.6	73.9
July	62.4	58.6	76.6	58.9	65.3	46.6	100.4	75.9
August	61.6	58.5	76.0	56.0	61.2	47.5	97.7	75.3
September ..	62.6	59.8	77.9	55.9	62.0	49.0	99.8	74.2
October	65.0	62.2	80.3	57.8	64.9	51.0	99.6	74.0
November ...	67.6	64.1	82.5	62.6	72.3	53.7	101.6	77.1
December ...	71.3	67.2	86.0	71.2	81.9	57.9	109.3	82.5
1943 - January	76.3	72.1	90.3	75.3	82.4	62.9	114.3	88.2
February ...	78.7	75.6	94.0	75.8	88.3	67.2	117.4	88.1
March	79.1	75.0	96.7	77.1	89.5	65.6	118.1	81.6
April	82.6	77.4	100.8	79.6	93.3	67.7	121.1	87.4
May	83.7	77.6	104.0	89.3	91.6	67.9	119.9	88.7
June	86.3	79.8	108.6	94.7	96.0	73.2	124.0	89.4
July	91.0	85.7	110.5	106.8	94.1	84.9	126.0	91.5
August	88.9	83.6	108.4	104.8	92.2	82.1	125.9	93.4

INVESTORS' MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCKS - Concl'd.
(1935-39=100)

Number of Securities 1943	INDUSTRIALS - Concl'd				UTILITIES			BANKS
	Beverages	Building Materials	Industrial Mines	Total	Transportation	Telephone Telegraph	Power and Traction	Total
	7	15	2	18	2	2	+ 14	8
1941 - January	104.3	84.0	73.2	77.3	60.9	101.2	75.4	94.7
February ...	96.6	77.3	67.3	71.3	51.6	100.2	68.8	90.9
March	93.7	78.5	69.0	70.7	55.7	99.2	67.0	89.9
April	88.1	77.8	67.8	68.2	57.3	97.8	62.2	89.7
May	82.8	74.4	62.6	65.2	54.8	91.6	60.3	88.3
June	87.3	74.9	64.2	67.1	58.9	92.0	62.0	89.0
July	94.3	77.8	72.3	70.6	65.8	93.0	65.3	89.7
August	95.7	79.7	71.5	71.2	70.0	94.6	64.4	89.7
September ..	102.4	82.4	75.8	74.7	70.3	98.6	68.8	91.2
October	98.7	78.9	71.7	72.5	65.7	96.8	67.2	90.8
November ...	102.6	77.8	68.9	71.1	65.2	95.3	65.5	91.7
December ...	104.8	75.5	69.7	68.7	60.4	95.9	63.0	90.5
1942 - January	99.2	75.1	71.9	70.4	64.5	95.5	64.4	91.1
February ...	96.3	73.9	70.1	67.7	60.5	93.5	62.1	91.1
March	92.8	74.0	67.3	67.5	59.4	93.5	62.0	89.4
April	93.1	73.9	64.2	66.3	60.6	91.9	60.2	88.4
May	94.2	75.7	65.2	66.4	53.6	92.0	60.7	87.4
June	93.6	76.8	64.9	68.1	56.6	92.3	64.3	87.7
July	95.5	75.3	62.7	67.8	58.4	86.5	65.2	81.7
August	98.3	73.1	61.9	67.8	58.8	80.8	66.9	71.9
September ..	98.7	71.2	64.1	69.2	62.5	83.4	67.1	69.0
October	98.9	70.8	68.4	72.0	73.4	83.9	67.9	70.3
November ...	105.5	74.9	68.0	77.6	85.7	87.1	72.1	72.3
December	107.3	79.6	69.1	83.8	88.2	89.8	80.7	74.4
1943 - January	109.7	84.0	74.3	90.0	92.1	93.3	88.5	76.7
February ...	111.8	85.0	78.6	88.0	84.7	92.2	88.0	78.6
March	113.9	85.3	79.6	92.1	102.1	93.7	88.6	80.2
April	128.2	89.5	79.7	101.4	123.3	96.8	95.8	80.9
May	128.1	91.4	79.2	106.2	133.4	95.0	101.0	80.5
June	133.5	93.1	77.3	111.1	126.3	96.6	111.1	81.4
July	137.9	94.5	78.7	112.4	130.5	98.1	111.3	81.7
August	138.0	93.3	76.1	109.5	121.0	100.1	100.0	82.7

+ Winnipeg Electric "A" and "B" now one class of common stock.

INDEX NUMBERS OF TWENTY-FIVE MINING STOCKS

(1935-39=100)

No. of Stocks 1943	Golds 22	Base Metals 3	Total Index 25
1942 - April	37.5	72.8	49.3
May	39.6	75.8	51.7
[illegible]	42.3	74.3	[illegible]
July	39.3	73.3	50.6
August	38.0	72.3	49.4
September	38.4	72.1	49.7
October	33.3	71.8	46.2
November	40.7	73.2	51.6
December	44.7	74.4	54.7
1943 - January	50.1	79.4	60.0
February	52.0	80.3	61.5
March	55.6	83.4	65.0
April	59.0	87.0	68.6
May	56.6	87.0	66.9
June	59.1	86.3	68.4
July	62.8	88.2	71.5
August	66.4	91.5	[illegible]
Weekly Index Numbers			
Week ending July 15th	62.5	88.0	[illegible]
" " " 22nd	63.5	87.8	71.9
" " " 29th	65.5	90.4	74.1
" " August 5th	65.1	91.2	74.1
" " " 12th	64.6	91.0	73.7
" " " 19th	64.7	92.5	74.2
" " " 26th	67.3	91.6	75.7
" " September 2nd	70.1	91.4	77.6
" " " [illegible]	73.0	92.0	[illegible]

MONTHLY INDEXES OF AMERICAN STOCK PRICES, 1942 - 1943

(Issued by Standard and Poor's Trade Securities)

(1935-39=100)

	Composite	Industrials	Railroads	Utilities
1942 - July	68.2	70.6	62.9	59.4
August	68.3	70.5	65.4	56.[illegible]
September	69.4	71.6	6[illegible]	[illegible]
October	74.2	[illegible]	7[illegible]	[illegible]
November	75.2	77.2	73.0	68.2
December	75.3	78.5	69.3	65.2
1943 - January	79.7	82.3	73.7	6[illegible].3
February	84.3	87.7	77.5	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible].2	90.8	8[illegible]	[illegible]
April	91.3	93.7	9[illegible]	[illegible]
May	[illegible]	97.2	[illegible]	94.3
June	[illegible]	99.3	94.3	84.7
July	[illegible]	100.9	96.6	87.7
August	[illegible]	96.3	[illegible]	85.9

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MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELDS. - 1937-1943

(1935-1939=100)

	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
January	95.2	102.2	97.3	103.3	100.6	99.4	98.8
February	100.1	100.8	97.2	107.2	100.8	99.3	98.5
March	106.4	100.3	95.4	107.0	100.5	99.6	97.6
April	107.2	97.4	96.3	105.5	100.6	99.6	97.3
May	106.4	96.2	97.8	104.5	101.1	99.5	97.3
June	105.6	98.0	95.7	107.8	101.9	98.8	97.3
July	104.4	98.7	96.0	107.0	101.5	98.7	97.3
August	102.9	98.8	98.6	104.3	101.2	99.0	97.3
September	103.2	101.9	117.0	103.1	100.3	99.4	-
October	106.2	99.3	111.9	102.6	100.2	99.6	-
November	105.7	97.4	108.4	101.9	99.1	99.6	-
December	103.9	97.2	110.5	101.0	99.3	99.4	-

WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BONDS, 1943

	Yields		Yields		Yields
June 2	97.3	July 7	97.3	August 4..	97.3
" 9	97.3	" 14	97.3	" 11..	97.3
" 16	97.3	" 21	97.3	" 18..	97.3
" 23	97.3	" 28	97.3	" 25..	97.3
" 30	97.3				

INDEX NUMBERS OF 30 PREFERRED STOCK PRICES, 1936 - 1943

(1935-1939=100)

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1936..	99.3	97.1	92.0	91.7	90.0	91.0	95.0	97.2	101.1	104.7	[illegible]	113.7
1937..	119.7	121.1	123.8	124.4	120.0	119.8	119.0	122.4	109.8	99.2	98.9	[illegible]
1938..	100.6	99.0	93.5	94.3	96.6	98.7	105.2	104.7	98.1	106.2	105.5	[illegible]
1939..	102.5	101.3	101.2	95.2	98.3	[illegible]	[illegible]	97.7	100.5	107.4	100.7	[illegible]
1940..	110.7	100.7	108.6	108.0	96.7	86.9	89.0	93.9	99.1	100.7	103.0	101.7
1941..	101.1	[illegible]	[illegible]	92.0	96.3	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	107.1	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
1942..	99.6	96.8	95.6	94.5	95.4	96.5	95.7	95.8	95.6	96.2	97.5	100.4
1943..	102.7	115.5	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	113.3	117.3	117.0				

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PRICE MOVEMENTS, SEPTEMBER, 1943.

WHOLESALE: Upward price movements for three of the eight component groups were responsible for a further increase of 0.8 points to 101.2 in the general wholesale price index in September. Wood, wood products and paper registered continued strength, advancing from 109.5 in August to 113.6 in September, after a $4.00 per ton increase in newsprint and the removal of a subsidy on the principal varieties of eastern lumber. Sharp increases in raw furs combined with lesser advances for shoes, butter and eggs more than offset lower quotations for steers, lambs and certain fresh meats to lift animal product prices 0.4 points to 108.4. An 0.2 point gain to 92.7 in vegetable products was due to firmer quotations for wheat, flax, rye, fresh fruits, hay and cottonseed oil. These outweighed a substantial seasonal drop in potatoes and small declines in onions and rosin. Other groups were unchanged at 91.9 for fibers, textiles and textile products; 115.7 for iron and its products; 79.7 for non-ferrous metals and 100.5 for both non-metallic minerals and chemicals and allied products.

The composite index for 30 industrial material prices remained at 98.7 for September. In the food series a higher price for wheat offset weakness for steers and hogs and this index rose 0.1 to 98.7. The manufacturing materials series also registered a gain of 0.1 to 83.0 on strength in cottonseed oil, but the stable series of 12 items was unchanged at 119.1.

Gains for field products continued to outweigh weakness in animal products during September and the composite Canadian farm products prices index increased 0.4 points to 97.9. The field product index moved 1.2 points higher to 86.1 due to gains for grains and hay which overbalanced losses for potatoes and onions. Animal products registered a drop of 1.0 to 117.6, with lower livestock quotations outweighing seasonal strength in eggs.

COST OF LIVING: (Wartime increase 18.5 per cent--from 100.8 to 119.4). The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index advanced from 119.2 on August 2 to 119.4 on September 1, 1943. Small increases for foods, homefurnishings, and in the miscellaneous group accounted for this further rise. The food index increased from 133.2 for August to 133.5 for September as advances for eggs, beef and pork outweighed declines for potatoes and lemons. The homefurnishings index moved up from 117.9 to 118.2 on scattered increases for furniture and hardware. An advance in the transportation section caused the miscellaneous group index to rise from 108.2 to 108.3. Other groups remained unchanged, rents at 111.5, fuel and light at 113.4, and clothing at 120.6.

SECURITIES: Price movements were narrow for industrial and utility common stocks during September and the market showed no definite trend. Mining stocks on the other hand exhibited further strength.

At 89.3 for September, the Investors composite index for 94 common stocks showed a net increase of 0.4 p.c. over August, with utilities averaging 0.7 p.c. higher and industrials 0.4 p.c. Banks gained 0.1 p.c. in the same interval. The following statement shows the more important sub-group changes recorded between August and September.

Sub-Group	Percentage Change	Sub-Group	Percentage Change
Machinery and equipment	+ 1.8	Transportation	- 1.9
Oils	+ 1.7	Industrial mines	- 1.4
Power and traction	+ 1.7	Building materials	- 0.8

Mining stocks moved 5.5 p.c. higher to 79.2 between August and September, though the increase between the final weeks of these months indicated the rise had levelled out considerably. Gold stocks were 8.3 p.c. higher in September, the index for this sub-group rising from 66.4 to 71.9. Base metal shares stiffened 0.9 p.c. to 92.4 during the same period.

The composite index for 30 preferred stocks recorded an advance of 0.3 p.c. to touch a September level of 118.1. Most pronounced strength was noted for pulp and paper shares which gained 4.8 p.c., while textile company issues gained 1.1 p.c. A decline of 1.6 p.c. occurred for machinery and equipment issues and of 0.8 p.c for power stocks.

The yield of a Dominion of Canada theoretical 15-year bond, as computed by the Bank of Canada, remained at 3.00 during September, and the corresponding index, on the base 1935-1939=100, stood at 97.3. This was the sixth consecutive month without change. Province of Ontario bond yield were quiet also, and an index of representative issues, compiled from information furnished by Wood, Gundy and Company, Limited, remained at 83.0 p.c. of the 1935-1939 level. The yield was 2.92.

WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES

(1926=100)

	Industrial Materials				Canadian Farm Products			
	June 1943	July 1943	August 1943	September 1943	June 1943	July 1943	August 1943	September 1943
1st week	97.1	97.6	98.3	98.8	93.6	93.8	+98.5	+96.4
2nd week	97.3	97.7	98.2	99.0	94.3	94.9	+98.5	96.1
3rd week	97.4	98.0	98.3	99.1	94.8	97.0	+97.4	97.1
4th week	97.3	98.0	98.3	99.3	94.0	97.2	+96.6	98.9
5th week		98.2		/99.4		97.1		/99.7

\+ Revision due to retroactive subsidies on oats and barley.

/ Week ending October 1.

SUMMARY TABLES OF CANADIAN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS
(1926=100)

	General Wholesale Price Index	Consumers' Goods	Producers' Goods	Building Materials	Raw and Partly Manufactured Goods	Fully and Chiefly Manufactured Goods
1913	64.0	62.0	67.7	67.0	63.8	64.8
1920	155.9	136.1	164.3	144.0	154.1	156.5
1929	95.6	94.7	96.1	99.0	97.5	93.0
1933	67.1	71.1	63.1	78.3	56.6	70.2
1939	75.4	75.9	70.4	89.7	67.4	75.3
1940	82.9	83.4	78.7	95.6	75.3	81.5
1941	90.0	91.1	83.6	107.3	81.8	88.8
1942	95.6	95.6	88.3	115.2	90.1	91.9
1939						
August	72.3	72.7	66.7	90.2	62.8	72.6
1942						
September	95.8	95.4	89.1	114.8	90.6	92.0
October	96.6	96.3	89.4	116.5	92.2	92.1
November	96.9	96.7	89.6	116.5	92.7	92.4
December	97.0	96.5	90.0	117.2	92.8	92.6
1943						
January	97.1	96.1	90.8	118.3	93.1	92.5
February	97.5	96.4	91.3	118.3	93.9	92.7
March	98.5	96.7	92.7	118.4	95.6	93.3
April	98.9	96.7	93.2	119.1	97.1	92.7
May	99.2	97.0	93.6	119.1	98.0	92.7
June	99.5	97.3	94.1	119.1	98.7	92.8
July	100.1	97.5	95.2	119.3	100.0	92.8
August	100.4	97.4	95.7	121.6	100.5	93.0
September	101.2	97.0	97.2	123.3	101.4	93.7

SUMMARY TABLES OF CANADIAN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS - Concl'd

(1926=100)

	Canadian Farm Products			Industrial	Eighteen	Twelve
	Field	Animal	Total	Materials	Sensitive Materials	Stable Materials
1913	56.4	77.0	64.1	-	-	-
1920	166.5	158.8	160.6	-	-	-
1929	93.8	112.5	100.8	91.8	88.8	96.5
1933	45.8	59.7	51.0	54.1	43.7	75.0
1939	54.2	81.2	64.3	69.0	57.8	89.4
1940	56.0	85.8	67.1	79.0	66.8	101.7
1941	56.5	95.9	71.2	87.3	75.2	109.2
1942	66.5	109.3	82.5	94.2	83.1	113.7
1939						
August	48.2	75.4	58.4	65.3	52.8	88.4
1942						
September	67.6	112.2	84.3	94.8	83.9	114.0
October	67.9	115.5	85.7	95.0	83.9	114.4
November	68.4	116.7	86.5	94.9	83.8	114.4
December	69.0	117.3	87.1	95.1	84.1	114.4
1943						
January	70.6	116.2	87.7	96.1	84.9	115.6
February	71.6	116.8	88.5	96.3	85.3	115.6
March	75.4	117.6	91.2	96.6	85.8	115.6
April	76.8	118.2	92.3	96.7	85.7	116.0
May	77.4	118.7	92.8	97.0	85.8	116.6
June	79.4	119.4	94.4	97.5	86.2	116.6
July	82.6	119.4	96.4	97.8	86.5	117.1
August	84.9	118.6	97.5	98.7	87.0	119.1
September	86.1	117.6	97.9	98.7	87.1	119.1

COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Note: Wholesale prices indexes appearing in this bulletin are subject to revision

Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1942	Sept. 1942	July 1943	August 1943	Sept. 1943
Total Index	526	95.6	95.8	100.1	100.4	101.2
1. Vegetable Products	123	84.5	85.2	92.5	92.4	92.7
Fruits	14	107.9	121.7	116.8	116.4	117.1
Fresh	4	115.6	134.5	127.8	127.3	128.2
Dried	4	93.4	92.9	93.7	93.7	93.7
Canned	6	75.9	73.5	73.5	73.5	73.5
Grains	22	63.7	66.8	79.4	81.0	84.4
Flour and Milled Products	12	77.0	78.4	79.4	79.4	79.4
Bakery Products	2	86.8	86.8	86.8	86.8	86.8
Vegetable Oils	4	132.1	132.2	130.5	129.8	132.2
Rubber and Its Products	7	75.7	75.7	75.7	75.7	75.7
Sugar and Its Products and Glucose	8	121.3	121.4	121.5	121.5	121.5
Tea, Coffee, Cocoa and Spices	13	121.3	122.7	111.7	111.7	111.7
Vegetables	13	93.1	77.9	123.2	115.9	97.9
11. Animals and Their Products	75	101.1	100.5	107.6	108.0	108.4
Fishery Products	16	111.0	113.7	128.7	134.6	134.6
Furs	9	74.3	68.7	106.7	106.7	120.9
Hides and Skins	6	114.6	105.8	94.2	94.2	94.2
Leather, Unmanufactured	9	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9
Boots and Shoes	2	105.6	105.7	106.0	106.0	106.2
Live Stock	4	130.7	128.6	154.2	148.8	142.2
Meats and Poultry	9	106.1	103.4	113.9	113.9	112.3
Milk and Its Products	12	97.8	98.2	98.3	98.2	98.4
Fats	5	76.2	73.1	83.8	83.8	83.8
Eggs	3	87.7	92.3	95.6	99.5	105.0
111. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	64	92.0	91.9	91.9	91.9	91.9
Cotton Fabrics	19	82.6	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5
Knit Goods	3	100.5	98.9	98.9	98.9	98.9
Flax, Hemp & Jute Products	6	91.4	92.2	92.2	92.2	92.2
Rayon Fabrics	2	67.4	67.2	67.2	67.2	67.2
Rayon Yarns	2	49.1	49.0	49.0	49.0	49.0
Wool, Raw	3	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7
Wool Hosiery and Knit Goods	5	108.8	108.8	108.8	108.8	108.8
Wool Cloth	6	105.2	105.2	105.2	105.2	105.2
1V. Wood, Wood Products & Paper	49	101.8	101.7	107.8	109.5	113.6
Newsprint & Wrapping Paper	2	74.0	74.0	80.1	80.1	86.2
Lumber	33	133.0	132.4	142.4	147.5	151.5
Pulp	3	118.1	119.0	119.0	119.0	119.0
Furniture	10	104.7	104.7	104.7	104.7	104.7

COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

	Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1942	Sept. 1942	July 1943	August 1943	Sept. 1943
V.	Iron and Its Products	44	115.4	115.8	115.7	115.7	115.7
	Pig Iron and Steel Billets	3	104.5	104.8	104.8	104.8	104.8
	Rolling Mill Products	14	121.0	121.3	121.3	121.3	121.3
	Hardware	16	93.9	93.9	93.9	93.9	93.9
	Wire	7	103.4	105.5	105.5	105.5	105.5
	Scrap	5	111.9	111.9	109.7	109.7	109.7
VI.	Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	17	78.4	79.7	79.7	79.7	79.7
	Brass and Copper Products	5	86.7	86.7	86.7	86.7	86.7
	Lead and Its Products	2	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1
	Tin Ingots	2	95.7	95.6	95.6	95.6	95.6
	Zinc and Its Products	2	59.1	59.1	59.2	59.2	59.2
	Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products (V and VI above)	61	103.1	103.8	103.7	103.7	103.7
VII.	Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	81	99.0	99.2	100.5	100.5	100.5
	Clay and Allied Materials Products	10	97.6	96.3	101.3	102.4	102.4
	Coal	13	113.0	113.8	117.2	117.2	117.2
	Coke	4	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5
	Manufactured Gas	3	103.5	103.5	103.5	103.5	103.5
	Glass and Its Products	6	104.4	104.4	104.4	104.4	104.4
	Petroleum Products	5	82.4	82.4	82.4	82.4	82.4
	Asphalt	2	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3
	Salt	4	130.6	130.6	130.6	130.6	130.6
	Lime	4	112.2	112.2	112.2	112.2	112.2
	Cement	1	106.5	106.5	106.5	106.5	106.5
	Sand and Gravel	8	88.0	87.3	87.3	87.3	87.3
	Crushed Stone	3	83.0	80.3	80.3	80.3	80.3
	Building Stone	3	70.8	70.8	70.8	70.8	70.8
	Asbestos	8	74.1	74.1	74.1	74.1	74.1
VIII.	Chemicals and Allied Products	73	102.7	102.0	100.5	100.5	100.5
	Inorganic Chemicals	22	89.0	88.9	89.4	89.1	89.2
	Organic Chemicals	5	87.6	87.6	87.6	87.6	87.6
	Coal Tar Products	2	91.1	91.1	91.1	91.1	91.1
	Dyeing and Tanning Materials	10	136.4	136.4	141.3	141.3	141.3
	Explosives	2	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1
	Paints, Prepared	1	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5
	Drugs and Pharmaceutical Chemicals	8	175.1	175.7	162.6	162.6	162.6
	Fertilizers	10	86.2	84.9	83.7	83.7	83.7
	Industrial Gases	2	83.3	83.9	85.2	85.5	85.9

PURPOSE CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1942	Sept. 1942	July 1943	August 1943	Sept. 1943
1. CONSUMERS' GOODS (Groups A and B)	215	95.6	95.4	97.5	97.4	97.0
A. Foods, Beverages and Tobacco	118	98.1	97.8	103.6	103.5	102.5
B. Other Consumers' Goods	97	94.0	93.8	93.4	93.4	93.4
11. PRODUCERS' GOODS (Groups C and D)	377	88.3	89.1	95.2	95.7	97.2
C. Producers' Equipment	24	109.4	110.0	114.2	114.2	114.2
D. Producers' Materials	353	86.0	86.8	93.1	93.6	95.3

ORIGIN CLASSIFICATION

Total Raw and Partly Manufactured	223	90.1	90.6	100.0	100.5	101.4
Farm Origin - Field	84	73.1	74.1	86.8	87.1	88.2
Farm Origin - Animal	36	102.9	102.5	112.1	112.1	112.4
Marine	7	98.6	99.8	123.1	123.1	123.1
Forest x	37	128.5	128.3	135.3	138.9	141.6
Mineral	59	94.8	95.7	96.9	96.9	96.9
Total Fully and Chiefly Manufactured	302	91.9	92.0	92.8	93.0	93.7
Farm Origin - Field	83	88.6	88.8	89.2	89.2	89.3
Farm Origin - Animal	54	94.3	94.0	93.2	93.2	93.3
Marine	9	118.3	120.6	133.0	139.8	139.8
Forest	20	77.6	77.6	82.9	82.9	88.0
Mineral	136	101.0	101.1	101.2	101.2	101.2

x Includes both domestic and export prices.

WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES

(All prices given in Canadian Funds)

Commodity		Yearly Average 1942	Sept. 1942	July 1943	August 1943	Sept. 1943
		$	$	$	$	$
WHEAT, No. 1 Man. Northern Ft. William and Pt. Arthur cash basis	bu.	.835	.896	1.093	1.119	1.175
OATS, No. 2 C. W. Ft. William and Pt. Arthur cash basis	bu.	.491	.484	.515	.515	.515
FLOUR, First Patent, 2-98's Cotton Bags, Toronto		5.050	5.050	5.050	5.050	5.050
SUGAR, Granulated, Montreal	cwt.	6.893	6.893	6.893	6.893	6.893
LINSEED OIL, Raw, Montreal	gal.	.896	.900	.870	.870	.870
STEERS, good up to 1,050 lbs. Toronto	cwt.	10.408	10.450	12.530	11.920	11.280
HOGS, Bl, Dressed, Toronto	cwt.	15.726	15.600	16.840	16.850	16.790
PACKER HIDES, Native Steers, Toronto	lb.	.150	.150	.150	.150	.150
LEATHER, Packer crops, No. 1 and 11 f.o.b. Distributing points	lb.	.480	.480	.480	.480	.480
BOX SIDES D, f.o.b. Ont. Factory	ft.	.240	.240	.240	.240	.240
BUTTER, Creamery prints, first grade Montreal	lb.	.365	.367	.350	.350	.355
CHEESE, Canada, old large, Montreal	lb.	.339	.340	.305	.305	.305
EGGS, Grade "A" large, Montreal	doz.	.406	.462	.459	.499	.515
COTTON YARNS, 10's white single Hosiery cops, Mill	lb.	.303	.293	.293	.293	.293
WOOL, Eastern bright ¼ blood Domestic, f.o.b. Ontario.	lb.	.310	.310	.310	.310	.310
WOOL, western range, semi-bright ½ blood, domestic, f.o.b. Ontario	lb.	.260	.260	.260	.260	.260
PULP, groundwood, No. 1, delivered, Eastern Continental Divide	ton.	50.233	50.600	50.600	50.600	50.600
STEEL, Merchant bars, mild, Mill	cwt.	2.754	2.754	2.754	2.754	2.754
PIG IRON, foundry No. 1, f.o.b. Plant	gross. ton.	25.500	25.500	25.500	25.500	25.500
COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic, Montreal	cwt.	11.500	11.500	11.500	11.500	11.500
LEAD, domestic, f.o.b. carlots Montreal	cwt.	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000
TIN INGOTS, Straits, f.o.b. Toronto	lb.	.620	.620	.620	.620	.620
ZINC, domestic, f.o.b. carlots, Montreal	cwt.	5.150	5.150	5.150	5.150	5.150
COAL, Anthracite, Toronto f.o.b. carlots	ton.	12.540	12.553	12.360	12.360	12.360
COAL, Bituminous, N.S., run-of-mine	ton.	5.700	5.700	5.700	5.700	5.700
GASOLENE, Standard, Toronto Federal tax included	gal.	.205	.205	.205	.205	.205
SULPHURIC ACID, 66° Baume, f.o.b. works	net. ton.	18.000	18.000	18.000	18.000	18.000

PRICE INDEX NUMBER SYNOPSIS

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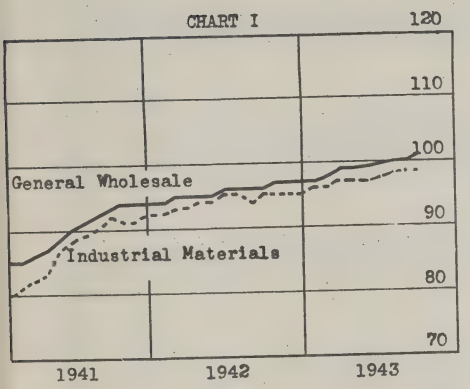
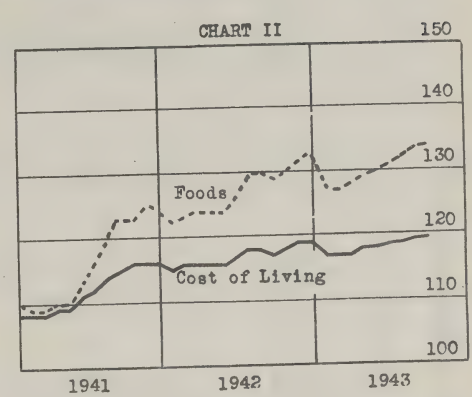
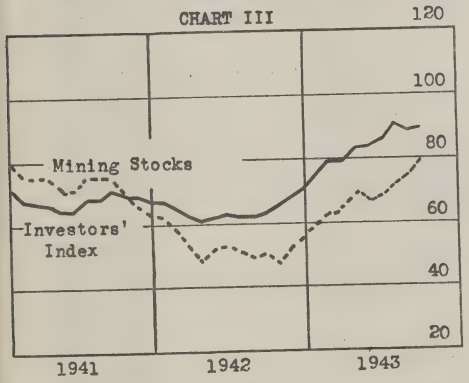
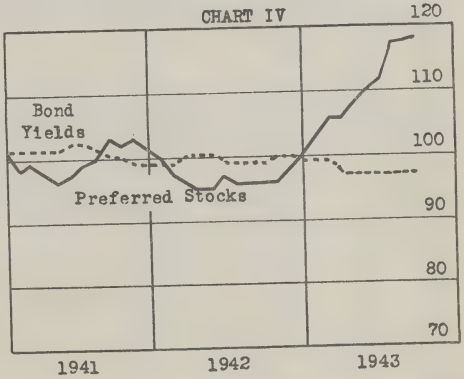
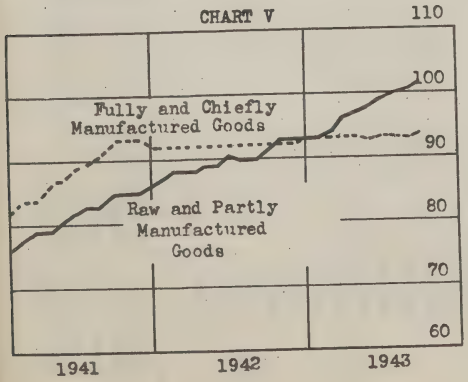
(CHARTS II, III, & IV - Average of 1935-39 Prices=100)

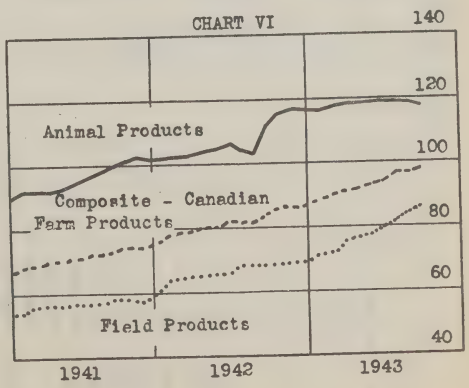












INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS IN CANADA, 1939 - SEPTEMBER 1, 1943.

(1935-39=100)

	Percentage Increase Since August 1, 1939	Total Index	Food Index	Rent Index	Fuel and Lighting Index	Clothing Index	Home Furnishings and Services Index	Miscellaneous Index	Retail Prices Index (Commodities only)
1939	0.7	101.5	100.6	103.8	101.2	100.7	101.4	101.4	101.0
1940	4.8	105.6	105.6	106.3	107.1	109.2	107.2	102.3	106.6
1941	10.8	111.7	116.1	109.4	110.3	116.1	113.8	105.1	114.9
1942	16.1	117.0	127.2	111.3	112.8	120.0	117.9	107.1	121.4
1939 - August 1	-	100.8	99.3	103.8	99.0	100.1	100.9	101.3	100.0
1941 - October 1	14.6	115.5	123.2	111.2	112.1	119.6	117.3	106.5	120.1
November 1	15.4	116.3	125.4	111.2	112.7	120.0	117.9	106.7	121.4
December 1	14.9	115.8	123.8	111.2	112.7	119.9	117.9	106.7	120.6
1942 - June 1	15.8	116.7	126.2	111.3	112.6	119.9	117.9	107.1	121.8
+ July 2	17.0	117.9	130.3	111.3	112.5	120.0	117.9	107.1	123.9
August 1	16.8	117.7	129.6	111.3	112.5	120.1	117.8	107.1	123.5
September 1	16.5	117.4	128.5	111.3	112.5	120.1	117.8	107.1	123.0
October 1	16.9	117.8	129.8	111.3	112.8	120.1	117.8	107.1	123.7
November 2	17.7	118.6	132.4	111.3	112.8	120.1	117.8	107.1	125.0
December 1	17.9	118.8	132.8	111.3	112.8	120.2	117.8	107.2	125.2
1943 - January 2	16.2	117.1	127.3	111.3	112.8	120.2	117.8	107.5	122.5
February 1	16.0	116.9	126.7	111.3	112.7	120.1	117.8	107.5	122.2
March 1	16.3	117.2	127.7	111.3	112.7	120.1	117.8	107.5	122.7
April 1	16.7	117.6	128.7	111.3	112.7	120.2	117.8	107.7	123.2
May 1	17.2	118.1	129.9	111.5	112.7	120.2	117.8	108.0	124.0
June 1	17.6	118.5	130.9	111.5	113.0	120.4	117.8	108.2	124.5
July 2	17.9	118.8	131.8	111.5	113.4	120.5	117.8	108.2	125.1
August 2	18.3	119.2	133.2	111.5	113.4	120.6	117.9	108.2	125.8
September 1	18.5	119.4	133.5	111.5	113.4	120.6	118.2	108.3	126.0

+ By Order-in-Council P.C. 6219 as amended, prices of cigarettes and tobacco used in the index for purposes of computing cost-of-living bonuses do not include the tax imposed on June 24, 1942, and subsequently under the Special War Revenue Act. Since indirect taxes of this kind previously have been included in the index, a September figure, reflecting the new tax has been computed to maintain continuity with preceding calculations. This index is 120.3.

INDEX NUMBERS OF RETAIL PRICES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES OF FOOD IN CANADA,
AUGUST 1, 1939, OCTOBER 1, 1942 - SEPTEMBER 1, 1943.
(1935=39-100)

	Beef Sirloin	Beef Blade	Veal Roast	Lamb Roast	Pork Fresh	Bacon Breakfast	Lard Pure	Eggs Grade "A"	Milk Fresh	Butter Creamery
1939 - Aug. 1 ...	110.7	111.4	105.5	109.3	105.8	97.4	73.4	91.5	100.0	88.7
1942 - Oct. 1 ...	145.8	167.1	164.8	133.1	136.8	131.9	103.2	151.7	112.8	127.8
Nov. 2 ...	150.2	174.8	168.5	132.7	138.1	132.5	105.2	167.4	112.8	129.4
Dec. 1 ...	150.2	174.8	167.9	133.5	138.9	133.4	109.1	170.1	112.8	132.7
1943 - Jan. 2 ...	151.4	176.9	170.4	137.7	138.9	134.0	113.6	155.3	94.5	129.4
Feb. 1 ...	151.8	179.0	174.2	144.6	139.7	134.6	116.2	134.1	94.5	129.4
Mar. 1 ...	154.9	183.9	178.0	146.9	140.5	135.2	118.2	130.2	95.4	129.4
April 1 ..	156.5	187.4	183.6	148.5	142.1	135.5	118.8	124.8	95.4	129.4
May 1	158.1	191.6	186.8	150.0	143.3	135.2	119.5	122.7	95.4	129.1
June 1 ...	160.1	196.5	191.3	153.8	145.7	135.2	119.5	127.9	95.4	126.5
July 2 ...	160.5	197.9	188.7	170.4	146.2	135.8	119.5	131.7	95.4	125.9
Aug. 2 ...	160.9	198.6	190.6	171.5	146.6	136.1	119.5	148.6	95.4	125.6
Sept. 1 ..	160.9	201.4	191.8	159.3	147.4	136.4	119.5	157.0	95.4	125.6

	Cheese Canadian	Potatoes	Tomatoes Canned	Bread White	Flour Household	Raisins	Jam Strawberry	Sugar Granulated	Tea	Weighted Food Index (46 Items)
1939 - Aug. 1 ...	98.2	126.4	91.3	98.4	78.4	100.0	96.5	101.6	105.6	99.3
1942 - Oct. 1 ...	160.6	151.9	118.8	104.8	100.0	101.8	107.1	134.4	156.3	129.8
Nov. 2 ...	160.1	153.1	118.8	104.8	100.0	100.6	107.7	134.4	156.3	132.4
Dec. 1 ...	160.1	154.7	118.8	104.8	100.0	98.8	107.7	134.4	156.3	132.8
1943 - Jan. 2 ...	159.6	158.5	118.8	104.8	100.0	97.0	108.3	134.4	138.7	127.3
Feb. 1 ...	159.6	165.5	119.7	104.8	100.0	97.6	108.3	134.4	138.4	126.7
Mar. 1 ...	159.6	170.9	119.7	104.8	100.0	99.6	108.9	134.4	138.4	127.7
April 1 ..	160.6	181.0	120.5	104.8	100.0	101.6	109.5	134.4	138.4	128.7
May 1	161.5	194.6	120.5	104.8	100.0	102.9	108.9	134.4	138.7	129.9
June 1 ...	162.0	202.3	120.5	104.8	100.0	104.9	108.9	134.4	138.7	130.9
July 2 ...	162.4	210.1	120.5	104.8	100.0	106.9	108.9	134.4	138.7	131.8
Aug. 2 ..	163.4	213.5	120.5	104.8	100.0	110.9	108.9	134.4	138.7	133.2
Sept. 1 ..	163.4	199.7	119.7	104.8	100.0	110.9	108.9	134.4	138.7	133.5

INVESTORS' MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCKS

(1935-39=100)

Number of Securities 1943	GENERAL: Total 94	GENERAL: Total 68	INDUSTRIALS: Machinery and Equipment 8	INDUSTRIALS: Pulp and Paper 7	INDUSTRIALS: Milling 3	INDUSTRIALS: Oils 4	INDUSTRIALS: Textiles and Clothing 10	INDUSTRIALS: Food and Allied Products 12
1941 - April.....	65.8	62.2	73.2	62.9	68.6	49.4	101.2	88.6
May.....	63.9	60.7	71.8	59.7	63.4	51.3	97.4	88.6
June.....	64.0	60.3	72.0	59.5	67.5	48.0	101.1	90.1
July.....	67.5	64.0	76.3	66.1	67.5	48.4	105.7	90.5
August.....	67.8	64.4	76.8	70.2	72.4	49.1	103.2	91.8
September...	71.0	67.5	80.5	78.5	75.1	51.3	108.4	93.3
October.....	69.1	65.5	78.3	75.5	74.5	51.2	105.7	91.9
November....	68.8	65.3	78.2	76.4	74.9	52.9	110.0	91.0
December....	67.2	63.9	75.5	72.9	72.2	49.0	110.4	91.4
1942 - January.....	66.8	62.9	74.3	71.9	74.5	45.9	112.8	88.7
February....	64.7	60.8	73.4	69.3	69.7	43.6	108.7	85.5
March.....	62.3	57.8	69.7	66.1	70.9	41.2	104.3	75.8
April.....	61.1	56.6	70.6	63.2	69.6	41.4	102.4	74.2
May.....	62.0	57.9	74.7	61.1	70.5	43.2	104.3	73.5
June.....	62.8	58.4	76.2	61.1	69.6	44.5	106.6	73.9
July.....	62.4	58.6	76.6	58.9	65.3	46.6	100.4	75.9
August.....	61.6	58.5	76.0	56.0	61.2	47.5	97.7	75.3
September...	62.6	59.8	77.9	55.9	62.0	49.0	99.8	74.2
October.....	65.0	62.2	80.3	57.8	64.9	51.0	99.6	74.0
November....	67.6	64.1	82.5	62.6	72.3	53.7	101.6	77.1
December....	71.3	67.2	86.0	71.2	81.9	57.9	109.3	82.5
1943 - January.....	76.3	72.1	90.3	75.3	82.4	62.9	114.3	88.2
February....	78.7	75.6	94.0	75.8	88.3	67.2	117.4	88.1
March.....	79.1	75.0	96.7	77.1	89.5	65.6	118.1	81.6
April.....	82.6	77.4	100.8	79.6	93.3	67.7	121.1	87.4
May.....	83.7	77.6	104.0	89.3	91.6	67.9	119.9	88.7
June.....	86.3	79.8	108.6	94.7	96.0	73.2	124.0	89.4
July.....	91.0	85.7	110.5	106.8	94.1	84.9	126.0	91.5
August.....	88.9	83.6	109.4	104.8	92.2	82.1	125.9	93.4
September...	89.3	83.9	111.4	104.7	91.9	83.5	126.1	93.4

INVESTORS' MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCKS - Concl'd.

(1935-39=100)

Number of Securities 1943	INDUSTRIALS - Concl'd				UTILITIES				BANKS
	Beverages	Building Materials	Industrial Mines	Total	Transportation	Telephone Telegraph	Power and Traction		Total
	7	15	2	18	2	2	14		8
1941 - April.....	88.1	77.8	67.3	68.2	57.3	97.3	62.2		89.7
May.....	82.8	74.4	62.6	65.2	54.8	91.6	60.3		88.3
June.....	87.3	74.9	64.2	67.1	58.9	92.0	62.0		89.0
July.....	94.3	77.8	72.3	70.6	65.8	93.0	65.3		89.7
August.....	95.7	79.7	71.5	71.2	70.0	94.6	64.4		89.7
September..	102.4	82.4	75.8	74.7	70.3	98.6	68.8		91.2
October....	98.7	78.9	71.7	72.5	65.7	96.8	67.2		90.8
November...	102.6	77.8	68.9	71.1	65.2	95.3	65.5		91.7
December...	104.8	75.5	69.7	68.7	60.4	95.9	63.0		90.5
1942 - January....	99.2	75.1	71.9	70.4	64.5	95.5	64.4		91.1
February...	96.3	73.9	70.1	67.7	60.5	93.5	62.1		91.1
March.....	92.8	74.0	67.3	67.5	59.4	93.5	62.0		89.4
April.....	93.1	73.9	64.2	66.3	60.6	91.9	60.2		88.4
May.....	94.2	75.7	65.2	66.4	59.6	92.0	60.7		87.4
June.....	93.6	76.8	64.9	68.1	56.6	92.3	64.3		87.7
July.....	95.5	75.3	62.7	67.8	58.4	86.5	65.2		81.7
August.....	98.3	73.1	61.9	67.8	58.8	80.8	66.9		71.9
September..	98.7	71.2	64.1	69.2	62.5	83.4	67.1		69.0
October....	98.9	70.8	68.4	72.0	73.4	83.9	67.9		70.3
November...	105.5	74.9	68.0	77.6	85.7	87.1	72.1		72.3
December...	107.3	79.6	69.1	83.8	88.2	89.8	80.7		74.4
1943 - January....	109.7	84.0	74.3	90.0	92.1	93.3	88.5		76.7
February...	111.8	85.0	78.6	88.0	84.7	92.2	88.0		78.6
March.....	113.9	85.3	79.6	92.1	102.1	93.7	88.6		80.2
April.....	128.2	89.5	79.7	101.4	123.3	96.8	95.8		80.9
May.....	128.1	91.4	79.2	106.2	133.4	95.0	101.0		80.5
June.....	133.5	93.1	77.3	111.1	126.3	96.6	111.1		81.4
July.....	137.9	94.5	78.7	112.4	130.5	98.1	111.3		81.7
August.....	138.0	93.3	76.1	109.5	121.0	100.1	109.0		82.7
September..	138.5	92.6	75.0	110.3	118.7	100.7	110.8		82.8

INDEX NUMBERS OF TWENTY-FIVE MINING STOCKS
(1935-39=100)

No. of Stocks 1943	Golds 22	Base Metals 3	Total Index 25
1942 - May	39.6	75.8	51.7
June	42.6	74.3	53.2
July	39.3	73.3	50.6
August	38.0	72.3	49.4
September	38.4	72.1	49.7
October	33.3	71.8	46.2
November	40.7	73.2	51.6
December	44.7	74.4	54.7
1943 - January	50.1	79.4	60.0
February	52.0	80.3	61.5
March	55.6	83.4	65.0
April	59.0	87.0	68.6
May	56.6	87.0	66.9
June	59.1	86.3	68.4
July	62.8	88.2	71.5
August	66.4	91.5	75.1
September	71.9	92.4	79.2
Weekly Index Numbers			
Week ending August 12th	64.6	91.0	73.7
" " " 19th	64.7	92.5	74.2
" " " 26th	67.3	91.6	75.7
" " September 2nd	70.1	91.4	77.6
" " " 9th	73.0	92.0	79.8
" " " 16th	71.5	92.2	78.9
" " " 23rd	72.2	92.3	79.4
" " " 30th	70.7	93.2	78.6
" " October 7th	68.0	94.3	77.1

MONTHLY INDEXES OF AMERICAN STOCK PRICES, 1942 - 1943
(Issued by Standard and Poor's Trade Securities)
(1935-39=100)

	Composite	Industrials	Railroads	Utilities
1942 - August	68.3	70.5	65.4	58.8
September	69.4	71.6	66.7	59.5
October	74.2	76.5	72.7	63.7
November	75.2	77.2	73.0	66.2
December	75.9	78.5	69.3	65.2
1943 - January	79.7	82.3	73.7	69.3
February	84.8	87.7	77.5	73.3
March	88.2	90.8	86.4	76.2
April	91.3	93.7	92.8	79.1
May	95.2	97.2	97.5	84.0
June	96.7	99.3	94.3	84.7
July	98.5	100.9	96.6	87.7
August	94.4	96.3	90.5	85.9

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MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELDS, - 1937-1943

(1935-1939=100)

	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
January.....	95.2	102.2	97.3	109.3	100.6	99.4	98.8
February.....	100.1	100.8	97.2	107.2	100.8	99.3	98.5
March.....	106.4	100.3	95.4	107.9	100.5	99.6	97.6
April.....	107.2	97.4	96.3	105.5	100.6	99.6	97.3
May.....	106.4	96.2	97.8	104.5	101.1	99.5	97.3
June.....	105.6	98.0	95.7	107.8	101.9	98.8	97.3
July.....	104.4	98.7	96.0	107.0	101.5	98.7	97.3
August.....	102.9	98.8	98.6	104.3	101.2	99.0	97.3
September.....	103.2	101.9	117.0	103.1	100.3	99.4	97.3
October.....	106.2	99.3	111.9	102.6	100.2	99.6	-
November.....	105.7	97.4	108.4	101.9	99.1	99.6	-
December.....	102.9	97.2	110.5	101.0	99.3	99.4	-

WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BONDS, 1943

	Yields		Yields		Yields
July 7.....	97.3	August 4.....	97.3	Sept. 1.....	97.3
" 14.....	97.3	" 11.....	97.3	" 8.....	97.3
" 21.....	97.3	" 18.....	97.3	" 15.....	97.3
" 28.....	97.3	" 25.....	97.3	" 22.....	97.3
				" 29.....	97.3

INDEX NUMBERS OF 30 PREFERRED STOCK PRICES, 1936 - 1943

(1935-1939=100)

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1936..	90.3	93.1	92.0	91.7	90.0	91.9	95.9	97.2	101.1	104.7	109.9	113.3
1937..	119.7	121.1	123.8	124.4	120.9	119.8	119.9	122.4	109.8	99.2	98.9	97.7
1938..	100.6	99.0	93.5	94.3	96.6	98.7	105.2	104.7	98.1	106.2	105.5	104.8
1939..	102.5	101.8	101.2	95.2	95.3	98.8	100.1	97.7	100.5	107.4	108.7	110.1
1940..	110.7	109.7	108.8	108.9	96.7	86.9	89.0	93.9	99.1	100.7	103.0	101.7
1941..	101.4	97.6	98.7	97.9	96.3	96.8	98.5	100.0	103.2	102.2	102.6	100.7
1942..	99.6	96.8	95.6	94.5	95.4	96.5	95.7	95.8	95.6	96.2	97.5	100.4
1943..	102.7	105.5	106.4	108.2	110.1	113.3	117.3	117.8	118.1			

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PRICE MOVEMENTS, OCTOBER, 1943.

WHOLESALE: The general wholesale price index advanced a further 0.7 points to 101.9 (1926=100) in October, continuing a steady upward trend which has been in evidence since the beginning of the war. Higher index levels were recorded for vegetable products, animal products, wood, wood products and paper and iron and its products. Other main groups were unchanged with the exception of chemicals and allied products which dropped 0.2 to 100.3. Vegetable products gained 1.4 to 94.1 between September and October reflecting higher prices for wheat, rye, hay, rosin and onions. These overbalanced lower quotations for bananas, lemons, and potatoes. Firmer prices for calves, whitefish, fowl, butter and eggs more than counterbalanced losses in steers, hogs and lambs to raise animal products 1.2 points to 109.6, while an index increase of 0.3 points to 113.9 for wood, wood products and paper reflected a further advance for eastern spruce lumber descriptions. The iron and steel group moved up 0.1 to 115.8 due to an advance of $6 per ton in railway car axles.

The composite index for 30 industrial material prices stiffened 0.4 points to 99.1 between September and October. In the foods section higher wheat prices were responsible for a gain of 1.1 to 99.8, despite lower quotations for steers and hogs. Manufacturing materials gained a further 0.1 to 83.1 due to a higher quotation for rosin; while the stable group, up 0.3 at 119.4, reflected an advance in bleached sulphite pulp.

A substantial rise in prices of Canadian farm products between September and October brought the composite index up 5.7 points to 103.6, the highest point touched by the index since December 1929. Animal products recorded a sharp increase of 7.4 points to 125.0, on higher prices for fresh milk (including additional subsidy of 30 cents per cwt.) eggs and fowl. These outweighed general weakness in livestock quotations which have been declining for the past three months. Field products were up 4.7 points at 90.8 on higher quotations for wheat, rye, onions and hay. Potatoes were moderately weaker.

COST OF LIVING: (Wartime increase 18.4 per cent - from 100.8 to 119.3). The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index declined fractionally from 119.4 on September 1 to 119.3 on October 1, 1943. This index which has been specified as the basis for calculating cost-of-living bonus adjustments under Order-in-Council P.C. 5963 has increased 18.4 per cent between August, 1939 and October, 1943. It is now 1.4 points above the July, 1942 index upon which the last cost-of-living bonus adjustment was based.

Food prices which have contributed the greater part of the advance in recent months were also responsible for the October decline. The food index dropped from 133.5 in September to 132.9 in October. Sharply lower prices for potatoes and lesser decreases for lamb, beef, carrots and turnips were of greater importance than increases for eggs and butter. There was also a slight reduction in the fuel and light index from 113.4 to 113.3. Two group indexes advanced, rents from 111.5 to 111.9, and clothing from 120.6 to 121.1. Remaining group indexes were unchanged, home furnishings and services at 118.2, and miscellaneous items at 108.3.

SECURITIES: In October, utilities, industrials and mining stocks all declined. Preferred shares, on the other hand, moved against this downward drift to record a small net gain.

Between September and October the Investors' index for 94 common stocks dropped 3.4 p.c. to 86.4. The index for 18 utilities fell 5.4 p.c. to 104.3, while 68 industrials averaged 2.7 p.c. lower at 81.6. Exceptional weakness in the power and traction group which was down 7.7 p.c., followed the announcement late in October that expropriation of Montreal, Light, Heat and Power would be considered by the Quebec legislature at its next session. Other noteworthy declines included industrial mines, off 5.1 p.c.; milling shares 4.0 p.c.; transportation issues 3.4 p.c., and oils 3.0 p.c. Beverage issues registered the only significant increase, gaining 3.9 p.c. to a level of 143.9.

In the mining stocks section, declines in gold shares were responsible for a drop of 2.5 p.c. to 77.2 in the composite index for 25 representative issues. The index for 22 golds dropped 4.6 p.c. to 68.5 while base metal issues advanced 1.2 p.c. to 93.5.

The composite index for 30 preferred stocks moved up 0.2 p.c. to 118.2 between September and October on relatively small changes for individual groups. Most noteworthy increases were recorded for textile company issues, up 3.9 p.c. Lower quotations occurred for machinery and equipment issues, off 2.9 p.c.; milling stocks, down 1.8 p.c.; pulp and paper 1.6 p.c. and power 1.2 p.c.

The yield of a Dominion of Canada theoretical 15-year bond, as computed by the Bank of Canada, remained at 3.00 during October, and the corresponding index, on the base 1935-1939=100, stood at 97.3. While provincials, generally, were steady to firm throughout the month, an index of yields of representative Province of Ontario issues, compiled from information furnished by Wood, Gundy and Company, Limited, rose from 83.0 for September to 83.8 for October (1935-1939=100). The yield for October was 2.95 as compared with 2.92 for the preceding month.

WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES

(1926=100)

	Industrial Materials				Canadian Farm Products			
	July 1943	August 1943	September 1943	October 1943	July 1943	August 1943	September 1943	October 1943
1st week	97.6	98.3	98.8	99.1	93.8	98.5	96.4	103.6
2nd week	97.7	98.2	99.0	99.1	94.9	98.5	96.1	103.7
3rd week	98.0	98.3	99.1	99.1	97.0	97.4	97.1	103.7
4th week	98.0	98.3	99.3	99.2	97.2	96.6	98.9	103.8
5th week	98.2		99.2 ≠		97.1		103.0x	

≠ Revised.

x Revision due to increased subsidy for milk.

SUMMARY TABLES OF CANADIAN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

(1926=100)

	General Wholesale Price Index	Consumers' Goods	Producers' Goods	Building Materials	Raw and Partly Manufactured Goods	Fully and Chiefly Manufactured Goods
1913	64.0	62.0	67.7	67.0	63.8	64.8
1920	155.9	136.1	164.3	144.0	154.1	156.5
1929	95.6	94.7	96.1	99.0	97.5	93.0
1933	67.1	71.1	63.1	78.3	56.6	70.2
1939	75.4	75.9	70.4	89.7	67.4	75.3
1940	82.9	83.4	78.7	95.6	75.3	81.5
1941	90.0	91.1	83.6	107.3	81.8	88.8
1942	95.6	95.6	88.3	115.2	90.1	91.9
1939						
August	72.3	72.7	66.7	90.2	62.8	72.6
1942						
October	96.6	96.3	89.4	116.5	92.2	92.1
November	96.9	96.7	89.6	116.5	92.7	92.4
December	97.0	96.5	90.0	117.2	92.8	92.6
1943						
January	97.1	96.1	90.8	118.3	93.1	92.5
February	97.5	96.4	91.3	118.3	93.9	92.7
March	98.5	96.7	92.7	118.4	95.6	93.3
April	98.9	96.7	93.2	119.1	97.1	92.7
May	99.2	97.0	93.6	119.1	98.0	92.7
June	99.5	97.3	94.1	119.1	98.7	92.8
July	100.1	97.5	95.2	119.3	100.0	92.8
August	100.4	97.4	95.7	121.6	100.5	93.0
September	101.2	97.0	97.2	123.3	101.4	93.7
October	101.9	97.3	98.2	123.7	103.2	93.7

SUMMARY TABLES OF CANADIAN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS - Concl'd.

(1926=100)

	Canadian Farm Products			Industrial Materials	Eighteen Sensitive Materials	Twelve Stable Materials
	Field	Animal	Total			
1913	56.4	77.0	64.1	-	-	-
1920	166.5	150.8	160.6	-	-	-
1929	93.8	112.5	100.8	91.8	88.8	96.5
1933	45.8	59.7	51.0	54.1	43.7	75.0
1939	54.2	81.2	64.3	69.0	57.8	89.4
1940	56.0	85.8	67.1	79.0	66.8	101.7
1941	56.5	95.9	71.2	87.3	75.2	109.2
1942	66.5	109.3	82.5	94.2	83.1	113.7
1939						
August	48.2	75.4	58.4	65.3	52.8	88.4
1942						
October	67.9	115.5	85.7	95.0	83.9	114.4
November	68.4	116.7	86.5	94.9	83.8	114.4
December	69.0	117.3	87.1	95.1	84.1	114.4
1943						
January	70.6	116.2	87.7	96.1	84.9	115.6
February	71.6	116.8	88.5	96.3	85.3	115.6
March	75.4	117.6	91.2	96.6	85.8	115.6
April	76.8	118.2	92.3	96.7	85.7	116.0
May	77.4	118.7	92.8	97.0	85.8	116.6
June	79.4	119.4	94.4	97.5	86.2	116.6
July	82.6	119.4	96.4	97.8	86.5	117.1
August	84.9	118.6	97.5	98.7	87.0	119.1
September	86.1	117.6	97.9	98.7	87.1	119.1
October	90.8	125.0	103.6	99.1	87.5	119.4

COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Note: Wholesale prices indexes appearing in this bulletin are subject to revision

Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1942	Oct. 1942	August 1943	Sept. 1943	Oct. 1943
Total Index	525	95.6	96.6	100.4	101.2	101.9
1. Vegetable Products	123	84.5	85.7	92.5	92.7	94.1
Fruits	14	107.9	128.7	116.4	117.1	114.7
Fresh	4	115.6	143.9	127.3	128.2	125.1
Dried	4	93.4	92.9	93.7	93.7	93.7
Canned	6	75.9	73.5	73.5	73.5	73.5
Grains	22	63.7	67.0	81.0	84.4	88.9
Flour and Milled Products	12	77.0	78.3	79.4	79.4	79.4
Bakery Products	2	86.8	86.8	86.8	86.8	86.8
Vegetable Oils	4	132.1	132.2	129.8	132.2	132.2
Rubber and Its Products	7	75.7	75.7	75.7	75.7	75.7
Sugar and Its Products and Glucose	8	121.3	121.4	121.5	121.5	121.5
Tea, Coffee, Cocoa and Spices	13	121.3	122.7	111.7	111.7	111.7
Vegetables	13	93.1	79.6	115.9	97.9	95.5
11. Animals and Their Products	75	101.1	103.3	108.0	108.4	109.6
Fishery Products	16	111.0	115.1	134.6	134.6	135.6
Furs	9	74.3	66.9	106.7	120.9	120.9
Hides and Skins	6	114.6	114.6	94.2	94.2	94.2
Leather, Unmanufactured	9	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9
Boots and Shoes	2	105.6	105.7	106.0	106.2	106.2
Live Stock	4	130.7	128.7	148.8	142.2	138.7
Meats and Poultry	9	106.1	105.6	113.9	112.3	113.2
Milk and Its Products	12	97.8	98.6	98.2	98.4	98.9
Fats	5	76.2	76.5	83.8	83.8	83.8
Eggs	3	87.7	115.1	99.5	105.0	115.7
111. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	64	92.0	91.9	91.9	91.9	91.9
Cotton Fabrics	19	82.6	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5
Knit Goods	3	100.5	98.9	98.9	98.9	98.9
Flax, Hemp and Jute Products	6	91.4	92.2	92.2	92.2	92.2
Rayon Fabrics	2	67.4	67.2	67.2	67.2	67.2
Rayon Yarns	2	49.1	49.0	49.0	49.0	49.0
Wool, Raw	3	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7
Wool Hosiery and Knit Goods	5	108.8	108.8	108.8	108.8	108.8
Wool Cloth	6	105.2	105.2	105.2	105.2	105.2
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	101.8	102.8	109.5	113.6	113.9
Newsprint & Wrapping Paper	2	74.0	74.0	80.1	86.2	86.2
Lumber	33	133.0	135.7	147.5	151.5	152.4
Pulp	3	118.1	119.0	119.0	119.0	119.0
Furniture	10	104.7	104.7	104.7	104.7	104.7

COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION

(1926=100)

	Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1942	Oct. 1942	August 1943	Sept. 1943	Oct. 1943
V.	Iron and Its Products	43	115.4	115.8	115.7	115.7	115.8
	Pig Iron and Steel Billets	3	104.5	104.8	104.8	104.8	104.8
	Rolling Mill Products	14	121.0	121.3	121.3	121.3	121.3
	Hardware	16	93.9	93.9	93.9	93.9	93.9
	Wire	3	103.4	105.5	105.5	105.5	105.5
	Scrap	4	111.9	111.9	109.7	109.7	109.7
VI.	Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	17	78.4	79.7	79.7	79.7	79.7
	Brass and Copper Products	5	86.7	86.7	86.7	86.7	86.7
	Lead and Its Products	2	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1
	Tin Ingots	2	95.7	95.6	95.6	95.9	95.6
	Zinc and Its Products	2	59.1	59.1	59.2	59.2	59.2
	Iron and Non-ferrous Metals and Their Products (V and VI above)	61	103.1	103.8	103.7	103.7	103.8
VII.	Non-metallic Minerals and Their Products	81	99.0	99.3	100.5	100.5	100.5
	Clay and Allied Materials Products	10	97.6	101.3	102.4	102.4	102.4
	Coal	13	113.0	113.8	117.2	117.2	117.2
	Coke	4	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5
	Manufactured Gas	3	103.5	103.5	103.5	103.5	103.5
	Glass and Its Products	6	104.4	104.4	104.4	104.4	104.4
	Petroleum Products	5	82.4	82.4	82.4	82.4	82.4
	Asphalt	2	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3
	Salt	4	130.6	130.6	130.6	130.6	130.6
	Lime	4	112.2	112.2	112.2	112.2	112.2
	Cement	1	106.5	106.5	106.5	106.5	106.5
	Sand and Gravel	8	88.0	87.3	87.3	87.3	87.3
	Crushed Stone	3	83.0	80.3	80.3	80.3	80.3
	Building Stone	3	70.8	70.8	70.8	70.8	70.8
	Asbestos	8	74.1	74.1	74.1	74.1	74.1
VIII.	Chemicals and Allied Products	73	102.7	102.0	100.5	100.5	100.3
	Inorganic Chemicals	22	89.0	88.4	89.1	89.2	89.4
	Organic Chemicals	5	87.6	87.6	87.6	87.6	87.6
	Coal Tar Products	2	91.1	91.1	91.1	91.1	91.1
	Dyeing & Tanning Materials	10	136.4	136.4	141.3	141.3	137.5
	Explosives	2	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1
	Paints, Prepared	1	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5
	Drugs and Pharmaceutical Chemicals	8	175.1	175.7	162.6	162.6	162.6
	Fertilizers	10	86.2	84.9	83.7	83.7	83.7
	Industrial Gases	2	83.3	82.9	85.5	85.9	86.5

PURPOSE CLASSIFICATION

(1926=100)

Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1942	Oct. 1942	August 1943	Sept. 1943	Oct. 1943
I. CONSUMERS' GOODS (Groups A and B)	215	95.6	96.3	97.4	97.0	97.3
A. Foods, Beverages and Tobacco	118	98.1	100.0	103.5	102.5	103.1
B. Other Consumers' Goods	97	94.0	93.8	93.4	93.4	93.4
II. PRODUCERS' GOODS (Groups C and d)	377	88.3	89.4	95.7	97.2	98.2
C. Producers' Equipment	24	109.4	110.0	114.2	114.2	114.2
D. Producers' Materials	353	86.0	87.1	93.6	95.3	96.4

ORIGIN CLASSIFICATION

Total Raw and Partly Manufactured	223	90.1	92.2	100.5	101.4	103.2
Farm Origin - Field	84	73.1	74.8	87.1	88.2	91.1
Farm Origin - Animal	36	102.9	106.4	112.1	112.4	113.9
Marine	7	98.6	99.8	123.1	123.1	125.9
Forest x	37	128.5	130.6	138.9	141.6	142.3
Mineral	59	94.8	95.7	96.9	96.9	96.9
Total Fully and Chiefly Manufactured	302	91.9	92.1	93.0	93.7	93.7
Farm Origin - Field	83	88.6	88.8	89.2	89.3	89.3
Farm Origin - Animal	54	94.3	94.4	93.2	93.3	93.6
Marine	9	118.3	124.3	139.8	139.8	139.8
Forest	20	77.6	77.6	82.9	88.0	88.0
Mineral	136	101.0	101.1	101.2	101.2	101.3

x Includes both domestic and export prices.

WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES
(All prices given in Canadian Funds)

Commodity		Yearly Average 1942	Oct. 1942	August 1943	Sept. 1943	Oct. 1943
		$	$	$	$	$
WHEAT, No. 1 Man. Northern						
Ft. William and Pt. Arthur cash basis	bu.	.835	.900	1.119	1.175	1.241
OATS, No. 2 C.W.						
Ft. William and Pt. Arthur cash basis	bu.	.491	.480	.515	.515	.515
FLOUR, First Patent, 2-98's						
Cotton Bags, Toronto		5,050	5.050	5.050	5.050	5.050
SUGAR, Granulated, Montreal	cwt.	6.893	6.893	6.893	6.893	6.893
LINSEED OIL, Raw, Montreal	gal.	.896	.900	.870	.870	.870
STEERS, good up to 1,050 lbs. Toronto	cwt.	10.408	10.050	11.920	11.280	11.060
HOGS, Bl, Dressed, Toronto	cwt.	15.726	16.380	16.850	16.790	16.750
PACKER HIDES, Native Steers, Toronto	lb.	.150	.150	.150	.150	.150
LEATHER, Packer crops, No. 1 and 11						
f.o.b. Distributing points	lb.	.480	.480	.480	.480	.480
BOX SIDES D, f.o.b. Ont. Factory	ft.	.240	.240	.240	.240	.240
BUTTER, Creamery prints, first grade						
Montreal	lb.	.365	.369	.350	.355	.361
EGGS, Grade "A" large, Montreal	doz.	.406	.510	.499	.515	.515
COTTON YARNS, 10's white single						
Hosiery cops, Mill	lb.	.303	.293	.293	.293	.293
WOOL, Eastern bright $\frac{1}{4}$ blood						
Domestic, f.o.b. Ontario	lb.	.310	.310	.310	.310	.310
WOOL, western range, semi-bright						
$\frac{1}{2}$ blood, domestic, f.o.b. Ontario	lb.	.260	.260	.260	.260	.260
PULP, groundwood, No. 1, delivered,						
Eastern Continental Divide	ton	50.235	50.600	50.600	50.600	50.600
STEEL, Merchant bars, mild, Mill	cwt.	2.754	2.754	2.754	2.754	2.754
PIG IRON, Foundry No. 1, f.o.b. plant,	gross ton	25.500	25.500	25.500	25.500	25.500
COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic, Montreal	cwt.	11.500	11.500	11.500	11.500	11.500
LEAD, domestic, f.o.b. carlots,						
Montreal	cwt.	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000
TIN INGOTS, Straits, f.o.b. Toronto	lb.	.620	.620	.620	.620	.620
ZINC, domestic, f.o.b. carlots,						
Montreal	cwt.	5.150	5.150	5.150	5.150	5.150
ZINC, domestic, electrolytic						
f.o.b. Montreal, carlots	cwt.	Not available		5.75	5.75	5.75
COAL, Anthracite, Toronto						
f.o.b. carlots	ton	12.540	12.553	12.360	12.360	12.360
COAL, Bituminous, N.S., run-of-mine	ton	5.700	5.700	5.700	5.700	5.700
GASOLENE, Standard, Toronto						
Federal tax included	gal.	.205	.205	.205	.205	.205
SULPHURIC ACID, 66° Baume,						
f.o.b. works	net ton	18.000	18.000	18.000	18.000	18.000

PRICE INDEX NUMBER SYNOPSIS

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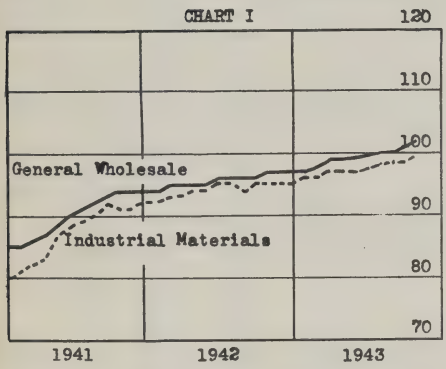
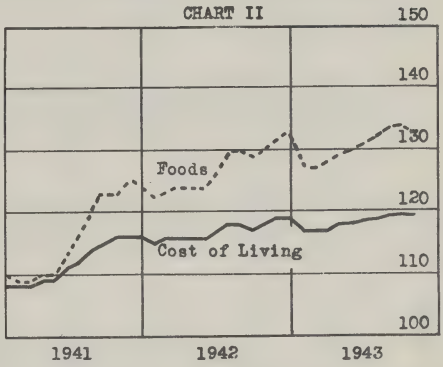
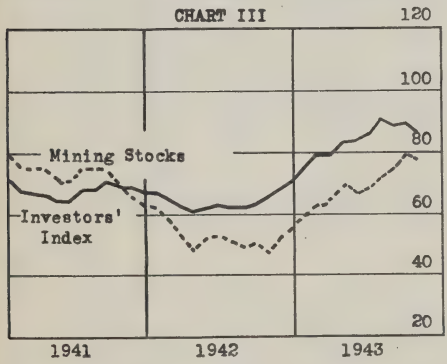
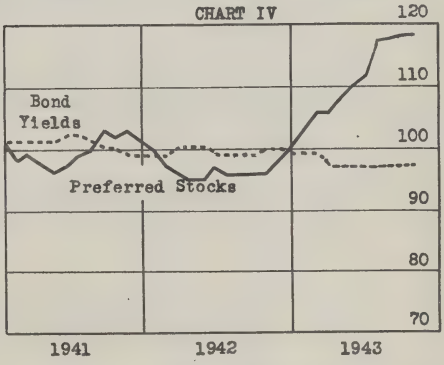
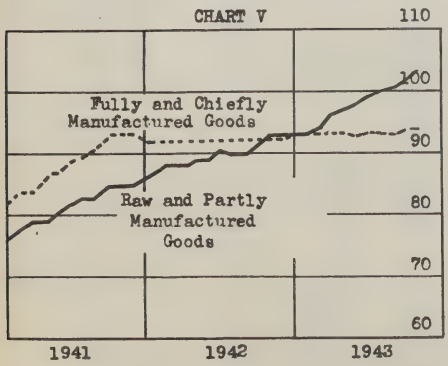
(CHARTS II, III, & IV - Average of 1935-39 Prices=100)

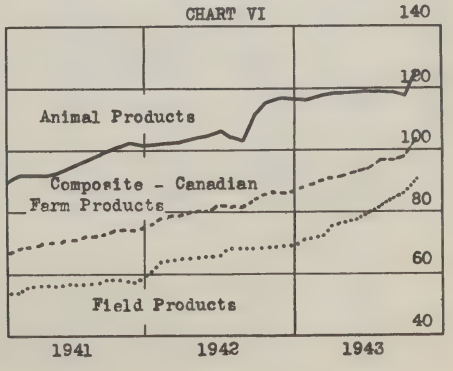












INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS IN CANADA, 1939 - October 1, 1943.

(1935-39=100)

	Percentage Increase Since August 1, 1939	Total Index	Food Index	Rent Index	Fuel and Lighting Index	Clothing Index	Home Furnishings and Services Index	Miscellaneous Index	Retail Prices Index (Commodities only)
1939	0.7	101.5	100.6	103.8	101.2	100.7	101.4	101.4	101.0
1940	4.8	105.6	105.6	106.3	107.1	109.2	107.2	102.3	106.6
1941	10.8	111.7	116.1	109.4	110.3	116.1	113.8	105.1	114.9
1942	16.1	117.0	127.2	111.3	112.8	120.0	117.9	107.1	121.4
1939 - August 1 .	-	100.8	99.3	103.8	99.0	100.1	100.9	101.3	100.0
1941 - October 1 .	14.6	115.5	123.2	111.2	112.1	119.6	117.3	106.5	120.1
November 1.	15.4	116.3	125.4	111.2	112.7	120.0	117.9	106.7	121.4
December 1.	14.9	115.8	123.8	111.2	112.7	119.9	117.9	106.7	120.6
1942 -+September 1	16.5	117.4	128.5	111.3	112.5	120.1	117.8	107.1	123.0
October 1 .	16.9	117.8	129.8	111.3	112.8	120.1	117.8	107.1	123.7
November 2.	17.7	118.6	132.4	111.3	112.8	120.1	117.8	107.1	125.0
December 1.	17.9	118.8	132.8	111.3	112.8	120.2	117.8	107.2	125.2
1943 - January 2 .	16.2	117.1	127.3	111.3	112.8	120.2	117.8	107.5	122.5
February 1.	16.0	116.9	126.7	111.3	112.7	120.1	117.8	107.5	122.2
March 1 ...	16.3	117.2	127.7	111.3	112.7	120.1	117.8	107.5	122.7
April 1 ...	16.7	117.6	128.7	111.3	112.7	120.2	117.8	107.7	123.2
May 1	17.2	118.1	129.9	111.5	112.7	120.2	117.8	108.0	124.0
June 1 ...	17.6	118.5	130.9	111.5	113.0	120.4	117.8	108.2	124.5
July 2 ...	17.9	118.8	131.8	111.5	113.4	120.5	117.8	108.2	125.1
August 2 ..	18.3	119.2	133.2	111.5	113.4	120.6	117.9	108.2	125.8
September 1	18.5	119.4	133.5	111.5	113.4	120.6	118.2	108.3	126.0
xOctober 1 .	18.4	119.3	132.9	111.9	113.3	121.1	118.2	108.3	125.8

+ Since June 24, 1942, additional taxes on tobacco products have not been reflected in indexes computed for cost-of-living bonus calculations. The October, 1943 index inclusive of all such additional taxes is 120.3.

x In October 1943, carrots, cabbage and turnips were added to the food budget, while canned beans and salmon were removed. The weight of dry beans was increased, and to finnan haddie were added fresh cod, halibut and whitefish; prices for these fish were reduced to a composite average representing all fish, and receiving a greater weight.

INDEX NUMBERS OF TOTAL LIVING COSTS AND FOOD PRICES IN EIGHT REGIONAL CITIES
(August 1939=100)

	Halifax	Saint John	Montreal	Toronto	Winnipeg	Saskatoon	Edmonton	Vancouver
				GENERAL COST OF LIVING				
1940 - June 1	105.5	104.1	106.2	103.4	103.2	104.7	103.8	103.0
August 1	107.5	105.4	107.0	104.2	104.6	105.3	103.7	103.7
October 1	107.0	107.0	108.3	105.1	105.2	106.9	104.2	104.0
December 2	108.0	108.7	109.4	105.8	106.3	108.6	105.6	105.3
1941 - February 1	107.9	108.3	109.8	106.0	106.0	108.7	105.5	106.1
April 1	107.8	108.2	109.9	106.3	106.2	109.0	105.5	106.5
June 2	108.8	108.8	111.9	108.7	107.8	110.3	107.0	107.5
August 1	111.6	112.2	115.1	111.7	110.3	113.1	109.8	110.4
October 1	112.7	113.2	116.3	114.0	112.2	115.7	111.4	112.3
November 1	113.7	114.6	117.2	115.0	113.1	116.4	111.6	112.9
December 1	113.1	114.5	116.8	114.5	113.1	116.4	111.4	112.4
1942 - February 2	113.5	115.2	117.1	114.5	112.4	115.7	110.9	112.1
April 1	113.5	115.1	117.4	114.7	112.6	116.1	111.1	112.2
June 1	114.0	115.4	118.2	115.5	113.1	116.2	112.0	113.1
August 1	115.8	117.2	118.7	116.2	115.0	117.5	114.1	115.0
October 1	115.5	116.6	119.4	116.3	114.5	117.0	113.6	115.4
December 1	116.2	117.3	120.3	116.8	115.3	118.5	115.0	116.8
1943 - February 1	114.7	115.9	118.8	115.3	114.1	116.7	113.5	114.7
April 1	115.7	116.7	119.0	115.4	114.7	117.4	114.1	116.7
June 1	117.1	117.8	120.6	116.3	115.1	117.8	115.2	116.9
August 2	118.7	119.0	121.3	117.3	115.6	118.9	116.0	117.7
October 1	118.2	118.4	121.5	117.5	115.4	119.0	115.9	117.7
				FOODS				
1940 - June 1	106.5	105.6	105.4	103.5	104.6	105.5	106.4	104.5
August 1	112.3	108.4	105.5	104.5	107.9	106.1	104.6	105.8
October 1	112.0	107.9	107.3	105.9	107.0	106.6	105.2	105.6
December 2	115.2	112.5	110.6	107.6	110.3	112.1	109.9	109.0
1941 - February 1	114.4	110.5	111.1	108.0	109.0	111.5	108.2	110.9
April 1	114.0	110.3	111.5	108.8	109.9	112.5	108.1	112.0
June 2	115.2	110.8	115.4	111.3	112.0	111.5	110.6	112.7
August 1	124.6	119.4	124.4	119.6	119.5	120.2	118.9	120.4
October 1	124.7	119.4	125.9	122.3	121.6	126.1	121.8	124.0
November 1	128.1	122.7	127.9	125.5	123.9	127.0	121.9	125.6
December 1	126.4	122.5	126.5	123.5	124.1	127.1	121.1	124.1
1942 - February 2	127.3	124.1	127.1	123.2	121.7	124.9	119.4	122.8
April 1	127.3	123.9	128.0	123.9	122.4	126.2	119.7	123.3
June 1	129.0	124.9	130.7	126.7	124.1	126.5	123.0	126.0
August 1	135.1	130.1	132.3	129.0	129.9	130.7	130.2	131.9
October 1	133.5	128.3	134.0	129.5	128.5	129.1	128.2	133.1
December 1	136.2	130.5	136.9	131.3	132.0	134.3	133.2	137.5
1943 - February 1	130.8	124.6	132.0	128.1	126.8	127.8	126.2	129.4
April 1	132.7	127.0	132.6	126.2	129.0	129.9	128.2	135.8
June 1	136.3	130.1	137.3	128.3	129.7	131.2	131.6	134.7
August 2	141.3	133.7	139.5	131.2	131.2	134.6	134.1	137.2
October 1	139.6	131.9	139.6	130.2	130.5	135.1	133.5	135.9

INVESTORS' MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCKS
(1935-39=100)

Number of Securities 1943	GENERAL	INDUSTRIALS						
	Total	Total	Machinery and Equipment	Pulp and Paper	Milling	Oils	Textiles and Clothing	Food and Allied Products
	94	68	8	7	3	4	10	12
1941 - May	63.9	60.7	71.8	59.7	63.4	51.3	97.4	88.6
June	64.0	60.3	72.0	59.5	67.5	48.0	101.1	90.1
July	67.5	64.0	76.3	66.1	67.5	48.4	105.7	90.5
August	67.8	64.4	76.8	70.2	72.4	49.1	106.3	91.8
September	71.0	67.5	80.5	78.5	75.1	51.3	108.4	93.3
October	69.1	65.5	78.3	75.5	74.5	51.2	105.7	91.9
November	68.8	65.3	78.2	76.4	74.9	52.9	110.0	91.0
December	67.2	63.9	75.5	72.9	72.2	49.0	110.4	91.4
1942 - January	66.8	62.9	74.3	71.9	74.5	45.9	112.8	88.7
February	64.7	60.8	73.4	69.3	69.7	43.6	108.7	85.5
March	62.3	57.8	69.7	66.1	70.9	41.2	104.3	75.8
April	61.1	56.6	70.6	63.2	69.6	41.4	102.4	74.2
May	62.0	57.9	74.7	61.1	70.5	43.2	104.3	73.5
June	62.8	58.4	76.2	61.1	69.6	44.5	106.6	73.9
July	62.4	58.6	76.6	58.9	65.3	46.6	100.4	75.9
August	61.6	58.5	76.0	56.0	61.2	47.5	97.7	75.3
September	62.6	59.8	77.9	55.9	62.0	49.0	99.8	74.2
October	65.0	62.2	80.3	57.8	64.9	51.0	99.6	74.0
November	67.6	64.1	82.5	62.6	72.3	53.7	101.6	77.1
December	71.3	67.2	86.0	71.2	81.9	57.9	109.3	82.5
1943 - January	76.3	72.1	90.3	75.3	82.4	62.9	114.3	88.2
February	78.7	75.6	94.0	75.8	88.3	67.2	117.4	88.1
March	79.1	75.0	96.7	77.1	89.5	65.6	118.1	81.6
April	82.6	77.4	100.8	79.6	93.3	67.7	121.1	87.4
May	83.7	77.6	104.0	89.3	91.6	67.9	119.9	88.7
June	86.3	79.8	108.6	94.7	96.0	73.2	124.0	89.4
July	91.0	85.7	110.5	106.8	94.1	84.9	126.0	91.5
August	88.9	83.6	109.4	104.8	92.2	82.1	125.9	93.4
September	89.3	83.9	111.4	104.7	91.9	83.5	126.1	93.4
October	86.4	81.6	110.8	103.0	88.2	81.0	124.8	93.6

INVESTORS' MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCKS - Concl'd.

(1935-39=100)

Number of Securities 1943	INDUSTRIALS - Concl'd.				UTILITIES			BANKS
	Beverages 7	Building Materials 15	Industrial Mines 2	Total 18	Transportation 2	Telephone Telegraph 2	Power and Traction 14	Total 8
1941 - May	82.8	74.4	62.6	65.2	54.8	91.6	60.3	88.3
June	87.3	74.9	64.2	67.1	58.9	92.0	62.0	89.0
July	94.3	77.8	72.3	70.6	65.8	93.0	65.3	89.7
August	95.7	79.7	71.5	71.2	70.0	94.6	64.4	89.7
September	102.4	82.4	75.8	74.7	70.3	98.6	68.8	91.2
October	98.7	78.9	71.7	72.5	65.7	96.8	67.2	90.8
November	102.6	77.8	68.9	71.1	65.2	95.3	65.5	91.7
December	104.8	75.5	69.7	68.7	60.4	95.9	63.0	90.5
1942 - January	99.2	75.1	71.9	70.4	64.5	95.5	64.4	91.1
February	96.3	73.9	70.1	67.7	60.5	93.5	62.1	91.1
March	92.8	74.0	67.3	67.5	59.4	93.5	62.0	89.4
April	93.1	73.9	64.2	66.3	60.6	91.9	60.2	88.4
May	94.2	75.7	65.2	66.4	59.6	92.0	60.7	87.4
June	93.6	76.8	64.9	68.1	56.6	92.3	64.3	87.7
July	95.5	75.3	62.7	67.8	58.4	86.5	65.2	81.7
August	98.3	73.1	61.9	67.8	58.8	80.8	66.9	71.9
September	98.7	71.2	64.1	69.2	62.5	83.4	67.1	69.0
October	98.9	70.8	68.4	72.0	73.4	83.9	67.9	70.3
November	105.5	74.9	68.0	77.6	85.7	87.1	72.1	72.3
December	107.3	79.6	69.1	83.8	88.2	89.8	80.7	74.4
1943 - January	109.7	84.0	74.3	90.0	92.1	93.3	88.5	76.7
February	111.2	85.0	78.6	86.0	84.7	92.2	88.0	78.6
March	113.9	85.3	79.3	92.1	102.1	93.7	88.6	80.2
April	128.2	89.5	79.7	101.4	123.3	96.8	95.8	80.9
May	128.1	91.4	79.2	106.2	133.4	95.0	101.0	80.5
June	133.5	93.1	77.3	111.1	126.3	96.6	111.1	81.4
July	137.9	94.5	78.7	112.4	130.5	98.1	111.3	81.7
August	138.0	93.3	76.1	109.5	121.0	100.1	109.0	82.7
September	138.5	92.6	75.0	110.3	118.7	100.7	110.3	82.8
October	143.9	90.8	71.2	104.3	114.7	100.5	102.3	81.3

INDEX NUMBERS OF TWENTY-FIVE MINING STOCKS

(1935-39=100)

No. of Stocks 1943	Golds 22	Base Metals 3	Total Index 25
1942 - June	42.6	74.3	53.2
July	39.3	73.3	50.6
August	38.0	72.3	49.4
September	38.4	72.1	49.7
October	33.3	71.8	46.2
November	40.7	73.2	51.6
December	44.7	74.4	54.7
1943 - January	50.1	79.4	60.0
February	52.0	80.3	61.5
March	55.6	83.4	65.0
April	59.0	87.0	68.6
May	56.6	87.0	66.9
June	59.1	86.3	68.4
July	62.8	88.2	71.5
August	66.4	91.5	75.1
September	71.9	92.4	79.2
October	68.5	93.5	77.2
Weekly Index Numbers			
Week ending September 9th	73.0	92.0	79.8
" " " 16th	71.5	92.2	78.9
" " " 23rd	72.2	92.3	79.4
" " " 30th	70.7	93.2	78.6
" " October 7th	68.0	94.3	77.1
" " " 14th	69.0	93.3	77.4
" " " 21st	68.5	93.7	77.2
" " " 28th	68.5	92.6	76.9
" " November 4th	68.3	90.1	76.0

MONTHLY INDEXES OF AMERICAN STOCK PRICES, 1942 - 1943

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(1935-39=100)

	Composite	Industrials	Railroads	Utilities
1942 - August	68.3	70.5	65.4	58.8
September	69.4	71.6	66.7	59.5
October	74.2	76.5	72.7	63.7
November	75.2	77.2	73.0	66.2
December	75.9	78.5	69.3	65.2
1943 - January	79.7	82.3	73.7	69.3
February	84.8	87.7	77.5	73.3
March	88.2	90.8	86.4	76.2
April	91.3	93.7	92.8	79.1
May	95.2	97.2	97.5	84.0
June	96.7	99.3	94.3	84.7
July	98.5	100.9	96.6	87.7
August	94.4	96.3	90.5	85.9

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MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELDS, - 1937 - 1943.

(1935-1939=100)

	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
January	95.2	102.2	97.3	109.3	100.6	99.4	98.8
February	100.1	100.8	97.2	107.2	100.8	99.3	98.5
March	106.4	100.3	95.4	107.9	100.5	99.6	97.6
April	107.2	97.4	96.3	105.5	100.6	99.6	97.3
May	106.4	96.2	97.8	104.5	101.1	99.5	97.3
June	105.6	98.0	95.7	107.8	101.9	98.8	97.3
July	104.4	98.7	96.0	107.0	101.5	98.7	97.3
August	102.9	98.8	98.6	104.3	101.2	99.0	97.3
September ..	103.2	101.9	117.0	103.1	100.3	99.4	97.3
October	106.2	99.3	111.9	102.6	100.2	99.6	97.3
November ...	105.7	97.4	108.4	101.9	99.1	99.6	-
December ...	102.9	97.2	110.5	101.0	99.3	99.4	-

WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BONDS, 1943.

	Yields		Yields		Yields
August 4 ...	97.3	Sept. 1 ...	97.3	Oct. 6 ...	97.3
" 11 ...	97.3	" 8 ...	97.3	" 13 ...	97.3
" 18 ...	97.3	" 15 ...	97.3	" 20 ...	97.3
" 25 ...	97.3	" 22 ...	97.3	" 27 ...	97.3
		" 29 ...	97.3		

INDEX NUMBERS OF 30 PREFERRED STOCK PRICES, 1936 - 1943.

(1935-1939=100)

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1936 ..	90.3	93.1	92.0	91.7	90.0	91.9	95.9	97.2	101.1	104.7	109.9	113.3
1937 ..	119.7	121.1	123.8	124.4	120.9	119.8	119.9	122.4	109.8	99.2	98.9	97.7
1938 ..	100.6	99.0	93.5	94.3	96.6	98.7	105.2	104.7	98.1	106.2	105.5	104.8
1939 ..	102.5	101.8	101.2	95.2	95.3	98.8	100.1	97.7	100.5	107.4	108.7	110.1
1940 ..	110.7	109.7	108.8	108.9	96.7	86.9	89.0	93.9	99.1	100.7	103.0	101.7
1941 ..	101.4	97.6	98.7	97.9	96.3	96.8	98.5	100.0	103.2	102.2	102.6	100.7
1942 ..	99.6	96.8	95.6	94.5	95.4	96.5	95.7	95.8	95.6	96.2	97.5	100.4
1943 ..	102.7	105.5	106.4	108.2	110.1	113.3	117.3	117.8	118.0x	118.2		

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PRICE MOVEMENTS, NOVEMBER, 1943.

WHOLESALE: Higher prices in the vegetable, animal and wood products groups were responsible for a further increase of 0.5 points to 102.4 in the composite wholesale index between October and November. Vegetable products moved up 0.7 to 94.8 reflecting advances for wheat, rye, potatoes, hay, rosin, lemons and oranges, while an increase of 0.1 to 109.7 in animal products was due to higher quotations for steers, hogs, butter, whitefish and the lower grades of eggs. These overbalanced weakness in eastern lamb and in beef. The wood, wood products and paper index gained 1.9 points to 115.8 in November. Continued firmness for eastern spruce and hemlock, which include some export items, and higher export prices for western cedar shingles were responsible for the rise. Other groups were unchanged at 91.9 for fibres, textiles and textile products; 115.8 for iron and its products; 79.7 for non-ferrous metals; 100.5 for non-metallic minerals and 100.3 for chemicals and allied products.

The index for Canadian farm product prices moved to a new wartime peak of 104.2 in November for a gain of 0.6 over October. In October the farm products index moved above the general wholesale series for the first time since 1937. Field products were 0.5 points higher at 91.3 due to firmer quotations for certain grains, potatoes, onions and hay, while the increase of 0.7 to 125.7 recorded for animal products reflected further strength in livestock and eggs.

No change occurred in the monthly composite index for 30 industrial materials between October and November, the index holding at 99.2 (1926=100). Among sub-groups foods were firmer, stronger quotations for wheat, steers and hogs registering in a gain of 0.8 points to 100.6 for this series. Manufacturing material prices weakened 0.2 points to 82.9 in the same interval due to a decline in cottonseed oil while the stable group of 12 items was unchanged at 119.7.

COST OF LIVING: (Wartime increase 18.5 per cent -- from 100.8 to 119.4) The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index advanced from 119.3 on October 1 to 119.4 on November 1, 1943. This was due entirely to an increase of 0.2 points to 133.1 in the food index. Small declines in fresh fruits and vegetables between October 1 and November 1 were overbalanced by further advances for eggs and butter. Meats remained firm. Other budget group indexes remained unchanged for November, as follows: rentals 111.9, fuel and lighting 113.3, clothing 121.1, homefurnishings and services 118.2, and miscellaneous items 108.3.

SECURITIES: The trend of security prices with the exception of bonds was sharply lower in November, although weekly indexes indicated a somewhat steadier tone as the month closed. Unsubstantiated peace rumors apparently contributed in a large measure to the decline.

A drop of 7.9 p.c. to 79.6 occurred for the Investors' monthly index between October and November cancelling gains accumulated since March. All sub-groups with the exception of milling stocks registered declines, greatest losses being concentrated in the utility section. As a group utilities recorded a drop of 9.8 p.c. to 94.1, while a similar series for 68 industrial issues was down 8.0 p.c. to 75.1. The following table shows the more important sub-group declines:

Sub-Group	Percentage Change	Sub-Group	Percentage Change
Transportation	- 13.8	Machinery and equipment	- 6.3
Industrial mines	- 11.7	Building materials ...	- 6.2
Power and traction ..	- 11.1	Textiles	- 3.6
Oils	- 8.1	Food	- 3.1
Pulp and paper	- 6.3		

Measured by the composite index of 25 representative issues, mining stock prices were 5.6 p.c. lower on average in November at an index level of 72.9. Base metal shares registered the sharpest loss with a drop of 8.3 p.c. to 85.7, while golds dipped 3.8 p.c. to 65.9.

Weakness in preferred stocks lowered the composite index for 30 issues 2.5 p.c. to 115.3 in November, and brought the average level of stocks back to a point exactly midway between the June and July averages. Losses were confined mainly to four sub-groups, viz: pulp and paper issues, off 9.3 p.c.; power stocks down 8.0 p.c.; foods 4.6 p.c. and textiles 3.3 p.c. Small gains were noted for beverages, up 2.6 p.c. and oils 1.2 p.c. higher.

The yield of a Dominion of Canada theoretical 15-year bond, as computed by the Bank of Canada, remained at 3.00 during November, and the corresponding index, on the base 1935-39=100, stood at 97.3. An index of representative Province of Ontario bond yields, compiled from information furnished by Wood, Gundy and Company, Limited, was unchanged at 83.8 for November (1935-39=100). The yield was 2.95.

WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES

(1926=100)

	Industrial Materials				Canadian Farm Products			
	August 1943	September 1943	October 1943	November 1943	August 1943	September 1943	October 1943	November 1943
1st week	98.3	98.8	99.1	99.3	98.5	96.4	103.6	104.2
2nd week	98.2	99.0	99.1	99.2	98.5	96.1	103.7	104.2
3rd week	98.3	99.1	99.1	99.2	97.4	97.1	103.7	104.3
4th week	98.3	99.3	99.2	99.2	96.6	98.9	103.8	104.5
5th week		99.2				103.0		

SUMMARY TABLES OF CANADIAN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

(1926=100)

	General Wholesale Price Index	Consumers' Goods	Producers' Goods	Building Materials	Raw and Partly Manufactured Goods	Fully and Chiefly Manufactured Goods
1913	64.0	62.0	67.7	67.0	63.8	64.8
1920	155.9	136.1	164.3	144.0	154.1	156.5
1929	95.6	94.7	96.1	99.0	97.5	93.0
1933	67.1	71.1	63.1	78.3	56.6	70.2
1939	75.4	75.9	70.4	89.7	67.4	75.3
1940	82.9	83.4	78.7	95.6	75.3	81.5
1941	90.0	91.1	83.6	107.3	81.8	88.8
1942	95.6	95.6	88.3	115.2	90.1	91.9
1939						
August	72.3	72.7	66.7	90.2	62.8	72.6
1942						
November	96.9	96.7	89.6	116.5	92.7	92.4
December	97.0	96.5	90.0	117.2	92.8	92.6
1943						
January	97.1	96.1	90.8	118.3	93.1	92.5
February	97.5	96.4	91.3	118.3	93.9	92.7
March	98.5	96.7	92.7	118.4	95.6	93.3
April	98.9	96.7	93.2	119.1	97.1	92.7
May	99.2	97.0	93.6	119.1	98.0	92.7
June	99.5	97.3	94.1	119.1	98.7	92.8
July	100.1	97.5	95.2	119.3	100.0	92.8
August	100.4	97.4	95.7	121.6	100.5	93.0
September	101.2	97.0	97.2	123.3	101.4	93.7
October	101.9	97.3	98.2	123.7	103.2	93.7
November	102.4	97.4	98.9	126.1	103.8	93.8

SUMMARY TABLES OF CANADIAN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS - Concl'd.

(1926=100)

	Canadian Farm Products			Industrial Materials	Eighteen Sensitive Materials	Twelve Stable Materials
	Field	Animal	Total			
1913	56.4	77.0	64.1	-	-	-
1920	166.5	150.8	160.6	-	-	-
1929	93.8	112.5	100.8	91.8	88.8	96.5
1933	45.8	59.7	51.0	54.1	43.7	75.0
1939	54.2	81.2	64.3	69.0	57.8	89.4
1940	56.0	85.8	67.1	79.0	66.8	101.7
1941	56.5	95.9	71.2	87.3	75.2	109.2
1942	66.5	109.2	82.5	94.2	83.1	113.7
1939						
August	48.2	75.4	58.4	65.3	52.8	88.4
1942						
November	68.4	116.7	86.5	94.9	83.8	114.4
December	69.0	117.3	87.1	95.1	84.1	114.4
1943						
January	70.6	116.2	87.7	96.1	84.9	115.6
February	71.6	116.8	88.5	96.3	85.3	115.6
March	75.4	117.6	91.2	96.6	85.8	115.6
April	76.8	118.2	92.3	96.7	85.7	116.0
May	77.4	118.7	92.8	97.0	85.8	116.6
June	79.4	119.4	94.4	97.5	86.2	116.6
July	82.6	119.4	96.4	97.8	86.5	117.1
August	84.9	118.6	97.5	98.7	87.0	119.1
September	86.1	117.6	97.9	98.7	87.1	119.1
October	90.8	125.0	103.6	99.1	87.5	119.4
November	91.3	125.7	104.2	99.2	87.5	119.7

COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION

(1926=100)

Note: Wholesale prices indexes appearing in this bulletin are subject to revision.

Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1942	Nov. 1942	Sept. 1943	Oct. 1943	Nov. 1943
Total Index	510	95.6	96.9	101.2	101.9	102.4
1. Vegetable Products	113	84.5	86.0	92.7	94.1	94.8
Fruits	14	107.9	128.2	117.1	114.8	115.1
Fresh	4	115.6	143.0	128.2	125.1	125.5
Dried	4	93.4	92.9	93.7	93.7	93.7
Canned	6	75.9	73.5	73.9	73.9	73.9
Grains	22	63.7	67.2	84.4	88.9	90.0
Flour and Milled Products	12	77.0	78.5	79.4	79.4	79.4
Bakery Products	2	86.8	86.8	86.8	86.8	86.8
Vegetable Oils	4	132.1	132.2	132.2	132.2	129.8
Rubber and Its Products	6	75.7	75.7	75.7	75.7	75.7
Sugar and Its Products and Glucose	8	121.3	121.4	121.5	121.5	121.5
Tea, Coffee, Cocoa and Spices	13	121.3	122.7	111.7	111.7	111.7
Vegetables	13	93.1	82.4	97.9	95.5	99.3
11. Animals and Their Products	74	101.1	104.8	108.4	109.6	109.7
Fishery Products	16	111.0	115.8	134.6	135.6	138.4
Furs	9	74.3	66.9	120.9	120.9	120.9
Hides and Skins	6	114.6	119.2	94.2	94.2	94.2
Leather, Unmanufactured	9	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9
Boots and Shoes	2	105.6	105.7	106.2	106.2	106.2
Live Stock	4	130.7	129.6	142.2	138.7	141.2
Meats and Poultry	8	106.1	107.8	112.3	113.2	111.3
Milk and Its Products	12	97.8	99.8	98.4	98.9	99.6
Fats	5	76.2	80.1	83.8	83.8	83.8
Eggs	3	87.7	117.9	105.0	115.7	117.1
111. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	61	92.0	91.9	91.9	91.9	91.9
Cotton Fabrics	19	82.6	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5
Knit Goods	3	100.5	98.9	98.9	98.9	98.9
Flax, Hemp and Jute Products	6	91.4	92.2	92.2	92.2	92.2
Rayon Fabrics	2	67.4	67.2	67.2	67.2	67.2
Rayon Yarns	2	49.1	49.0	49.0	49.0	49.0
Wool, Raw	3	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7
Wool Hosiery and Knit Goods	4	108.8	108.8	108.8	108.8	108.8
Wool Cloth	6	105.2	105.2	105.2	105.2	105.2
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	50	101.8	102.8	113.6	113.9	115.8
Newsprint & Wrapping Paper	2	74.0	74.0	86.2	86.2	86.2
Lumber	34	133.0	135.7	151.5	152.4	158.1
Pulp	3	118.1	119.0	119.0	119.0	119.0
Furniture	10	104.7	104.7	104.7	104.7	104.7

COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION

(1926=100)

	Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1942	Nov. 1942	Sept. 1943	Oct. 1943	Nov. 1943
V.	Iron and Its Products	43	115.4	115.8	115.7	115.8	115.8
	Pig Iron and Steel Billets	3	104.5	104.8	104.8	104.8	104.8
	Rolling Mill Products	14	121.0	121.3	121.3	121.3	121.3
	Hardware	16	93.9	93.9	93.9	93.9	93.9
	Wire	3	103.4	105.5	105.5	105.5	105.5
	Scrap	4	111.9	111.9	109.7	109.7	109.7
VI.	Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	17	78.4	79.7	79.7	79.7	79.7
	Brass and Copper Products	5	86.7	86.7	86.7	86.7	86.7
	Lead and Its Products	2	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1
	Tin Ingots	2	95.7	95.6	95.6	95.6	95.6
	Zinc and Its Products	2	59.1	59.1	59.2	59.2	59.2
	Iron and Non-ferrous Metals and Their Products (V and VI above)	60	103.1	103.8	103.7	103.8	103.8
VII.	Non-metallic Minerals and Their Products	81	99.0	99.3	100.5	100.5	100.5
	Clay and Allied Materials Products	10	97.6	101.3	102.4	102.4	102.4
	Coal	13	113.0	113.8	117.2	117.2	117.2
	Coke	4	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5
	Manufactured Gas	3	103.5	103.5	103.5	103.5	103.5
	Glass and Its Products	6	104.4	104.4	104.4	104.4	104.4
	Petroleum Products	5	82.4	82.4	82.4	82.4	82.4
	Asphalt	2	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3
	Salt	4	130.6	130.6	130.6	130.6	130.6
	Lime	4	112.2	112.2	112.2	112.2	112.2
	Cement	1	106.5	106.5	106.5	106.5	106.5
	Sand and Gravel	8	88.0	87.3	87.3	87.3	87.3
	Crushed Stone	3	83.0	80.3	80.3	80.3	80.3
	Building Stone	3	70.8	70.8	70.8	70.8	70.8
	Asbestos	8	74.1	74.1	74.1	74.1	74.1
VIII.	Chemicals and Allied Products	71	102.7	102.2	100.5	100.3	100.3
	Inorganic Chemicals	22	89.0	89.1	89.2	89.4	90.1
	Organic Chemicals	5	87.6	87.6	87.6	87.6	87.6
	Coal Tar Products	2	91.1	91.1	91.1	91.1	91.1
	Dyeing & Tanning Materials	10	136.4	136.4	141.3	137.5	137.5
	Explosives	2	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1
	Paints, Prepared	1	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5
	Drugs and Pharmaceutical Chemicals	8	175.1	175.7	162.6	162.6	162.6
	Fertilizers	8	86.2	84.9	83.7	83.7	83.7
	Industrial Gases	2	83.3	82.3	85.9	86.5	84.8

PURPOSE CLASSIFICATION

(1926=100)

Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1942	Nov. 1942	Sept. 1943	Oct. 1943	Nov. 1943
I. CONSUMERS' GOODS (Groups A and B)	207	95.6	96.7	97.0	97.3	97.4
A. Foods, Beverages and Tobacco	114	98.1	101.1	102.5	103.1	103.3
B. Other Consumers' Goods	93	94.0	93.8	93.4	93.4	93.4
II. PRODUCERS' GOODS (Groups C and D)	366	88.4	89.6	97.2	98.2	98.9
C. Producers' Equipment	24	109.4	110.1	114.2	114.2	114.3
D. Producers' Materials	342	86.0	87.3	95.3	96.4	97.2

ORIGIN CLASSIFICATION

Total Raw and Partly Manufactured	213	90.1	92.7	101.4	103.2	103.8
Farm Origin - Field	72	73.1	75.2	88.2	91.1	92.3
Farm Origin - Animal	36	102.9	108.0	112.4	113.9	112.4
Marine	7	98.6	99.8	123.1	125.9	134.0
Forest x	38	128.5	130.6	141.6	142.3	146.2
Mineral	60	94.8	95.7	96.9	96.9	96.9
Total Fully and Chiefly Manufactured	297	91.9	92.4	93.7	93.7	93.8
Farm Origin - Field	82	88.6	88.8	89.3	89.3	89.2
Farm Origin - Animal	52	94.3	95.2	93.3	93.6	93.9
Marine	9	118.3	126.1	139.8	139.8	139.8
Forest	20	77.6	77.6	88.0	88.0	88.0
Mineral	134	101.0	101.2	101.2	101.3	101.3

x Includes both domestic and export prices.

WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES

(All prices given in Canadian Funds)

Commodity		Yearly Average 1942	Nov. 1942	Sept. 1943	Oct. 1943	Nov. 1943
		$	$	$	$	$
WHEAT, No. 1 Man. Northern Ft. William and Pt. Arthur cash basis	bu.	.835	.905	1.175	1.241	1.250
OATS, No. 2 C.W. Ft. William and Pt. Arthur cash basis	bu.	.491	.454	.515	.515	.515
FLOUR, First Patent, 2-98's Cotton Bags, Toronto		5.050	5.050	5.050	5.050	5.050
SUGAR, Granulated, Montreal	cwt.	6.893	6.893	6.893	6.893	6.893
LINSEED OIL, Raw, Montreal	gal.	.896	.900	.870	.870	.870
STEERS, good up to 1,050 lbs. Toronto	cwt.	10.408	10.160	11.280	11.060	11.190
HOGS, Bl, Dressed, Toronto	cwt.	15.726	16.440	16.790	16.750	16.920
PACKER HIDES, Native Steers, Toronto	lb.	.150	.150	.150	.150	.150
LEATHER, Packer crops, No. 1 and 11 f.o.b. Distributing points	lb.	.480	.480	.480	.480	.480
BOX SIDES D, f.o.b. Ont. Factory	ft.	.240	.240	.240	.240	.240
BUTTER, Creamery prints, first grade Montreal	lb.	.365	.376	.355	.361	.367
EGGS, Grade "A" large, Montreal	doz.	.406	.510	.515	.515	.515
COTTON YARNS, 10's white single Hosiery cops, Mill	lb.	.303	.293	.293	.293	.293
WOOL, Eastern bright ¼ blood Domestic, f.o.b. Ontario	lb.	.310	.310	.310	.310	.310
WOOL, western range, semi-bright ½ blood, domestic, f.o.b. Ontario	lb.	.260	.260	.260	.260	.260
PULP, groundwood, No. 1, delivered, Eastern Continental Divide	ton	50.235	50.600	50.600	50.600	50.600
STEEL, Merchant bars, mild, Mill	cwt.	2.754	2.754	2.754	2.754	2.754
PIG IRON, Foundry No.1, F.O.B. plant,	gross ton	25.500	25.500	25.500	25.500	25.500
COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic, Montreal	cwt.	11.500	11.500	11.500	11.500	11.500
LEAD, domestic, f.o.b. carlots, Montreal	cwt.	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000
TIN INGOTS, Straits, f.o.b. Toronto	lb.	.620	.620	.620	.620	.620
ZINC, domestic, f.o.b. carlots, Montreal	cwt.	5.150	5.150	5.150	5.150	5.150
ZINC, domestic, electrolytic f.o.b. Montreal, carlots	cwt.	Not available		5.75	5.75	5.75
COAL, Anthracite, Toronto f.o.b. carlots	ton	12.540	12.553	12.360	12.360	12.360
COAL, Bituminous, N.S., run-of-mine	ton	5.700	5.700	5.700	5.700	5.700
GASOLENE, Standard, Toronto Federal tax included	gal.	.205	.205	.205	.205	.205
SULPHURIC ACID, 66° Baume, f.o.b. works	net ton	18.000	18.000	18.000	18.000	18.000

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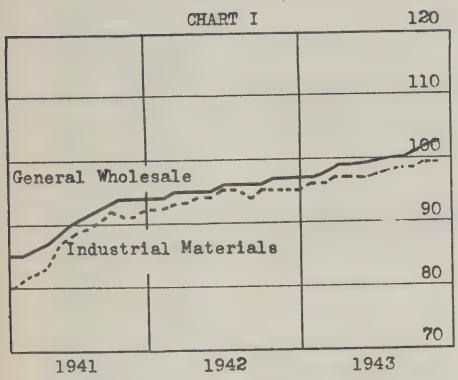

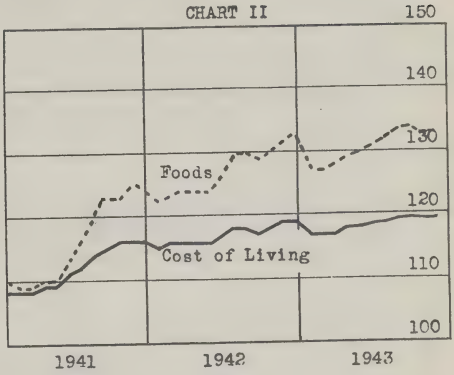

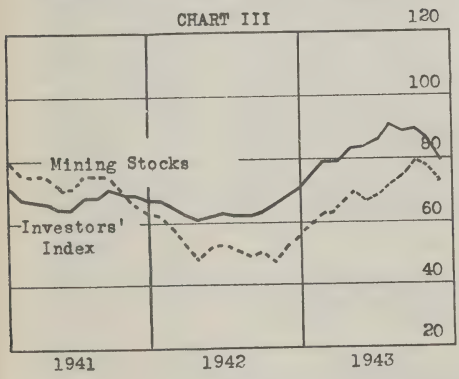

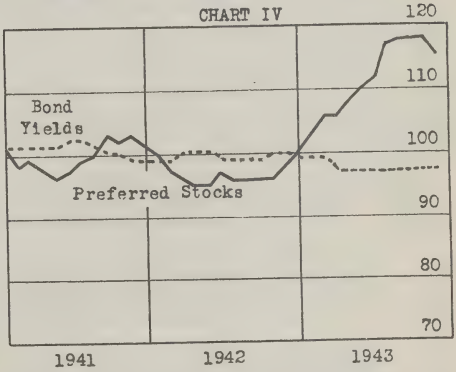

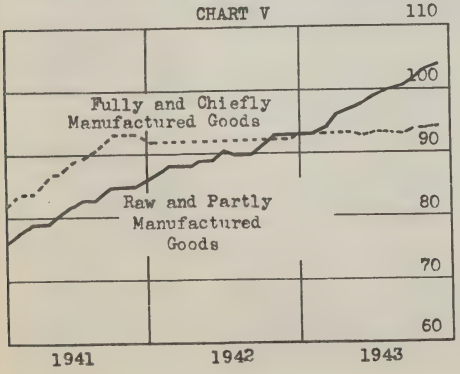

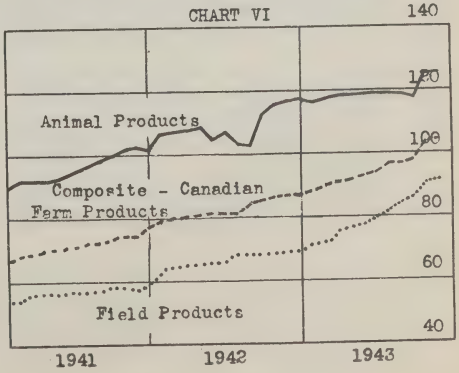

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS IN CANADA, 1939 - November 1, 1943.
(1935-39=100)

	Percentage Increase Since August 1, 1939	Total Index	Food Index	Rent Index	Fuel and Lighting Index	Clothing Index	Home Furnishings and Services Index	Miscellaneous Index	Retail Prices Index (Commodities only)
1939	0.7	101.5	100.6	103.8	101.2	100.7	101.4	101.4	101.0
1940	4.8	105.6	105.6	106.3	107.1	109.2	107.2	102.3	106.6
1941	10.8	111.7	116.1	109.4	110.3	116.1	113.8	105.1	114.9
1942	16.1	117.0	127.2	111.3	112.8	120.0	117.9	107.1	121.4
1939 - August 1 ...	-	100.8	99.3	103.8	99.0	100.1	100.9	101.3	100.0
1941 - October 1 ..	14.6	115.5	123.2	111.2	112.1	119.6	117.3	106.5	120.1
November 1 ..	15.4	116.3	125.4	111.2	112.7	120.0	117.9	106.7	121.4
December 1 ..	14.9	115.8	123.8	111.2	112.7	119.9	117.9	106.7	120.6
1942 -+September 1 ..	16.5	117.4	128.5	111.3	112.5	120.1	117.8	107.1	123.0
October 1 ...	16.9	117.8	129.8	111.3	112.8	120.1	117.8	107.1	123.7
November 2 ..	17.7	118.6	132.4	111.3	112.8	120.1	117.8	107.1	125.0
December 1 ..	17.9	118.8	132.8	111.3	112.8	120.2	117.8	107.2	125.2
1943 - January 2 ...	16.2	117.1	127.3	111.3	112.8	120.2	117.8	107.5	122.5
February 1 ..	16.0	116.9	126.7	111.3	112.7	120.1	117.8	107.5	122.2
March 1	16.3	117.2	127.7	111.3	112.7	120.1	117.8	107.5	122.7
April 1	16.7	117.6	128.7	111.3	112.7	120.2	117.8	107.7	123.2
May 1	17.2	118.1	129.9	111.5	112.7	120.2	117.8	108.0	124.0
June 1	17.6	118.5	130.9	111.5	113.0	120.4	117.8	108.2	124.5
July 2	17.9	118.8	131.8	111.5	113.4	120.5	117.8	108.2	125.1
August 2 ...	18.3	119.2	133.2	111.5	113.4	120.6	117.9	108.2	125.8
September 1 ..	18.5	119.4	133.5	111.5	113.4	120.6	118.2	108.3	126.0
xOctober 1 ..	18.4	119.3	132.9	111.9	113.3	121.1	118.2	108.3	125.8
November 1 ..	18.5	119.4	133.1	111.9	113.3	121.1	118.2	108.3	125.9

\+ Since June 24, 1942, additional taxes on tobacco products have not been reflected in indexes computed for cost-of-living bonus calculations. The November, 1943 index inclusive of all such additional taxes is 120.3.

x In October, 1943, carrots, cabbage and turnips were added to the food budget, while canned beans and salmon were removed. The weight of dry beans was increased, and to finnan haddie were added fresh cod, halibut and whitefish; prices for these fish were reduced to a composite average representing all fish, and receiving a greater weight.

INDEX NUMBERS OF RETAIL PRICES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES OF FOOD IN CANADA,
AUGUST 1, 1939, DECEMBER 1, 1942 - NOVEMBER 1, 1943.

(1935-39=100)

	Beef Sirloin	Beef Blade	Veal Roast	Lamb Roast	Pork Fresh	Bacon Breakfast	Lard Pure	Eggs Grade "A"	Milk Fresh	Butter Creamery
1939 - Aug. 1 ..	110.7	111.4	105.5	109.3	105.8	97.4	73.4	91.5	100.0	88.7
1942 - Dec. 1 ..	150.2	174.8	167.9	133.5	138.9	133.4	109.1	170.1	112.8	132.7
1943 - Jan. 2 ..	151.4	176.9	170.4	137.7	138.9	134.0	113.6	155.3	94.5	129.4
Feb. 1 ..	151.8	179.0	174.2	144.6	139.7	134.6	116.2	134.1	94.5	129.4
Mar. 1 ..	154.9	183.9	178.0	146.9	140.5	135.2	118.2	130.2	95.4	129.4
Apr. 1 ..	156.5	187.4	183.6	148.5	142.1	135.5	118.8	124.8	95.4	129.4
May 1 ..	158.1	191.6	186.8	150.0	143.3	135.2	119.5	122.7	95.4	129.1
June 1 ..	160.1	196.5	191.8	153.8	145.7	135.2	119.5	123.9	95.4	126.5
July 2 ..	160.5	197.9	188.7	170.4	146.2	135.8	119.5	131.7	95.4	125.9
Aug. 2 ..	160.9	198.6	190.6	171.5	146.6	136.1	119.5	148.6	95.4	125.6
Sept.1 ..	160.9	201.4	191.8	159.3	147.4	136.4	119.5	157.0	95.4	125.6
Oct. 1 ..	158.9	200.7	193.7	147.7	147.4	136.4	119.5	162.7	95.4	126.2
Nov. 1 ..	159.3	201.4	193.7	137.8	147.8	136.7	119.5	166.0	95.4	127.5

	Cheese Canadian	Potatoes	Tomatoes Canned	Bread White	Flour Household	Raisins	Jam Strawberry	Sugar Granulated	Tea	Weighted Food Index (46 Items)
1939 - Aug. 1 ..	98.2	126.4	91.3	98.4	78.4	100.0	96.5	101.6	105.6	99.3
1942 - Dec. 1 ..	160.1	154.7	118.8	104.8	100.0	98.8	107.7	134.4	156.3	132.8
1943 - Jan. 2 ..	159.6	158.5	118.8	104.8	100.0	97.0	108.3	134.4	138.7	127.3
Feb. 1 ..	159.6	165.5	119.7	104.8	100.0	97.6	108.3	134.4	138.4	126.7
Mar. 1 ..	159.6	170.9	119.7	104.8	100.0	99.6	108.9	134.4	138.4	127.7
Apr. 1 ..	160.6	181.0	120.5	104.8	100.0	101.6	109.5	134.4	138.4	128.7
May 1 ..	161.5	194.6	120.5	104.8	100.0	102.9	108.9	134.4	138.7	129.9
June 1 ..	162.0	202.3	120.5	104.8	100.0	104.9	108.9	134.4	138.7	130.9
July 2 ..	162.4	210.1	120.5	104.8	100.0	106.9	108.9	134.4	138.7	131.8
Aug. 2 ..	163.4	213.5	120.5	104.8	100.0	110.9	108.9	134.4	138.7	133.2
Sept.1 ..	163.4	199.7	119.7	104.8	100.0	110.9	108.9	134.4	138.7	133.5
Oct. 1 ..	162.9	173.1	119.7	104.8	100.0	103.6	108.9	134.4	138.7	132.9
Nov. 1 ..	163.4	172.0	120.5	104.8	100.0	101.7	108.9	134.4	138.7	133.1

INVESTORS' MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCKS

(1935-39=100)

Number of Securities 1943	GENERAL	INDUSTRIALS						
	Total	Total	Machinery and Equipment	Pulp and Paper	Milling	Oils	Textiles and Clothing	Food and Allied Products
	94	68	8	7	3	4	10	12
1941 - June	64.0	60.3	72.0	59.5	67.5	48.0	101.1	90.1
July ...	67.5	64.0	76.3	66.1	67.5	48.4	105.7	90.5
August ..	67.8	64.4	76.8	70.2	72.4	49.1	106.3	91.8
September	71.0	67.5	80.5	78.5	75.1	51.3	108.4	93.3
October .	69.1	65.5	78.3	75.5	74.5	51.2	105.7	91.9
November.	68.8	65.3	78.2	76.4	74.9	52.9	110.0	91.0
December.	67.2	63.9	75.5	72.9	72.2	49.0	110.4	91.4
1942 - January .	66.8	62.9	74.3	71.9	74.5	45.9	112.8	88.7
February.	64.7	60.8	73.4	69.3	69.7	43.6	108.7	85.5
March ..	62.3	57.8	69.7	66.1	70.9	41.2	104.3	75.8
April ..	61.1	56.6	70.6	63.2	69.6	41.4	102.4	74.2
May	62.0	57.9	74.7	61.1	70.5	43.2	104.3	73.5
June ...	62.8	58.4	76.2	61.1	69.6	44.5	106.6	73.9
July ...	62.4	58.6	76.6	58.9	65.3	46.6	100.4	75.9
August ..	61.6	58.5	76.0	56.0	61.2	47.5	97.7	75.3
September	62.6	59.8	77.9	55.9	62.0	49.0	99.8	74.2
October .	65.0	62.2	80.3	57.8	64.9	51.0	99.6	74.0
November.	67.6	64.1	82.5	62.6	72.3	53.7	101.6	77.1
December.	71.3	67.2	86.0	71.2	81.9	57.9	109.3	82.5
1943 - January .	76.3	72.1	90.3	75.3	82.4	62.9	114.3	88.2
February.	78.7	75.6	94.0	75.8	88.3	67.2	117.4	88.1
March ..	79.1	75.0	96.7	77.1	89.5	65.6	118.1	81.6
April ..	82.6	77.4	100.8	79.6	93.3	67.7	121.1	87.4
May ...	83.7	77.6	104.0	89.3	91.6	67.9	119.9	88.7
June ...	86.3	79.8	108.6	94.7	96.0	73.2	124.0	89.4
July ...	91.0	85.7	110.5	106.8	94.1	84.9	126.0	91.5
August ..	88.9	83.6	109.4	104.8	92.2	82.1	125.9	93.4
September	89.3	83.9	111.4	104.7	91.9	83.5	126.1	93.4
October .	86.4	81.6	110.8	103.0	88.2	81.0	124.8	93.6
November.	79.6	75.1	103.8	96.5	89.6	74.4	120.3	90.7

INVESTORS' MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCKS - Concl'd.

(1935-39=100)

Number of Securities 1943	INDUSTRIALS - Concl'd.				UTILITIES				BANKS
	Beverages	Building Materials	Industrial Mines	Total	Transportation	Telephone Telegraph	Power and Traction		Total
	7	15	2	18	2	2	14		8
1941 - June	87.3	74.9	64.2	67.1	58.9	92.0	62.0		89.0
July	94.3	77.8	72.3	70.6	65.8	93.0	65.3		89.7
August ..	95.7	79.7	71.5	71.2	70.0	94.6	64.4		89.7
September.	102.4	82.4	75.8	74.7	70.3	98.6	68.8		91.2
October ..	98.7	78.9	71.7	72.5	65.7	96.8	67.2		90.8
November .	102.6	77.8	68.9	71.1	65.2	95.3	65.5		91.7
December .	104.8	75.5	69.7	68.7	60.4	95.9	63.0		90.5
1942 - January ..	99.2	75.1	71.9	70.4	64.5	95.5	64.4		91.1
February .	96.3	73.9	70.1	67.7	60.5	93.5	62.1		91.1
March ...	92.8	74.0	67.3	67.5	59.4	93.5	62.0		89.4
April ...	93.1	73.9	64.2	66.3	60.6	91.9	60.2		88.4
May	94.2	75.7	65.2	66.4	59.6	92.0	60.7		87.4
June	93.6	76.8	64.9	68.1	56.6	92.3	64.3		87.7
July	95.5	75.3	62.7	67.8	58.4	86.5	65.2		81.7
August ..	98.3	73.1	61.9	67.8	58.8	80.8	66.9		71.9
September.	98.7	71.2	64.1	69.2	62.5	83.4	67.1		69.0
October ..	98.9	70.8	68.4	72.0	73.4	83.9	67.9		70.3
November .	105.5	74.9	68.0	77.6	85.7	87.1	72.1		72.3
December .	107.3	79.6	69.1	83.8	88.2	89.8	80.7		74.4
1943 - January ..	109.7	84.0	74.3	90.0	92.1	93.3	88.5		76.7
February .	111.8	85.0	78.6	88.0	84.7	92.2	88.0		78.6
March ...	113.9	85.3	79.6	92.1	102.1	93.7	88.6		80.2
April ...	128.2	89.5	79.7	101.4	123.3	96.8	95.8		80.9
May	128.1	91.4	79.2	106.2	133.4	95.0	101.0		80.5
June ...	133.5	93.1	77.3	111.1	126.3	96.6	111.1		81.4
July ...	137.9	94.5	78.7	112.4	130.5	98.1	111.3		81.7
August ..	138.0	93.3	76.1	109.5	121.0	100.1	109.0		82.7
September.	138.5	92.6	75.0	110.3	118.7	100.7	110.8		82.8
October ..	143.9	90.8	71.2	104.3	114.7	100.5	102.3		81.3
November .	142.2	85.2	62.9	94.1	98.9	99.9	90.9		79.9

INDEX NUMBERS OF TWENTY-FIVE MINING STOCKS
(1935-39=100)

No. of Stocks 1943	Golds 22	Base Metals 3	Total Index 25
1942 - July	39.3	73.3	50.6
August	38.0	72.3	49.4
September	38.4	72.1	49.7
October	33.3	71.8	46.2
November	40.7	73.2	51.6
December	44.7	74.4	54.7
1943 - January	50.1	79.4	60.0
February	52.0	80.3	61.5
March	55.6	83.4	65.0
April	59.0	87.0	68.6
May	56.6	87.0	66.9
June	59.1	86.3	68.4
July	62.8	88.2	71.5
August	66.4	91.5	75.1
September	71.9	92.4	79.2
October	68.5	93.5	77.2
November	65.9	85.7	72.9
Weekly Index Numbers			
Week ending October 7th	68.0	94.3	77.1
" " " 14th	69.0	93.3	77.4
" " " 21st	68.5	93.7	77.2
" " " 28th	68.5	92.6	76.9
" " November 4th	68.3	90.1	76.0
" " " 11th	66.9	85.7	73.6
" " " 18th	64.4	83.7	71.2
" " " 25th	65.2	83.4	71.7
" " December 2nd	64.8	85.5	72.0

MONTHLY INDEXES OF AMERICAN STOCK PRICES, 1942 - 1943
(Issued by Standard and Poor's Trade Securities)
(1935-39=100)

	Composite	Industrials	Railroads	Utilities
1942 - November	75.2	77.2	73.0	66.2
December	75.9	78.5	69.3	65.2
1943 - January	79.7	82.3	73.7	69.3
February	84.8	87.7	77.5	73.3
March	88.2	90.8	86.4	76.2
April	91.3	93.7	92.8	79.1
May	95.2	97.2	97.5	84.0
June	96.7	99.3	94.3	84.7
July	98.5	100.9	96.6	87.7
August	94.4	96.3	90.5	85.9
September	95.6	97.5	91.3	87.3
October	94.8	96.6	92.0	86.8
November	91.4	93.0	86.5	85.1

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MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELDS, - 1937 - 1943.

(1935-1939=100)

	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
January ..	95.2	102.2	97.3	109.3	100.6	99.4	98.8
February ..	100.1	100.8	97.2	107.2	100.8	99.3	98.5
March	106.4	100.3	95.4	107.9	100.5	99.6	97.6
April	107.2	97.4	96.3	105.5	100.6	99.6	97.3
May	106.4	96.2	97.8	104.5	101.1	99.5	97.3
June	105.6	98.0	95.7	107.8	101.9	98.8	97.3
July	104.4	98.7	96.0	107.0	101.5	98.7	97.3
August ..	102.9	98.8	98.6	104.3	101.2	99.0	97.3
September .	103.2	101.9	117.0	103.1	100.3	99.4	97.3
October ..	106.2	99.3	111.9	102.6	100.2	99.6	97.3
November ..	105.7	97.4	108.4	101.9	99.1	99.6	97.3
December ..	102.9	97.2	110.5	101.0	99.3	99.4	-

WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BONDS, 1943.

	Yields		Yields		Yields
Sept. 1 ...	97.3	Oct. 6	97.3	Nov. 3	97.3
" 8 ...	97.3	" 13	97.3	" 10	97.3
" 15 ...	97.3	" 20	97.3	" 17	97.3
" 22 ...	97.3	" 27	97.3	" 24	97.3
" 29 ...	97.3				

INDEX NUMBERS OF 30 PREFERRED STOCK PRICES, 1936 - 1943.

(1935-1939=100)

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1936 ...	90.3	93.1	92.0	91.7	90.0	91.9	95.9	97.2	101.1	104.7	109.9	113.3
1937 ...	119.7	121.1	123.8	124.4	120.9	119.8	119.9	122.4	109.8	99.2	98.9	97.7
1938 ...	100.6	99.0	93.5	94.3	96.6	98.7	105.2	104.7	98.1	106.2	105.5	104.8
1939 ...	102.5	101.8	101.2	95.2	95.3	98.8	100.1	97.7	100.5	107.4	108.7	110.1
1940 ...	110.7	109.7	108.8	108.9	96.7	86.9	89.0	93.9	99.1	100.7	103.0	101.7
1941 ...	101.4	97.6	98.7	97.9	96.3	96.8	98.5	100.0	103.2	102.2	102.6	100.7
1942 ...	99.6	96.8	95.6	94.5	95.4	96.5	95.7	95.8	95.6	96.2	97.5	100.4
1943 ...	102.7	105.5	106.4	108.2	110.1	113.3	117.3	117.8	118.0x	118.2	115.3	

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PRICE MOVEMENTS, DECEMBER, 1943.

WHOLESALE: The general level of wholesale prices edged upward a further 0.1 to 102.5 in December due mainly to the effect of authorized increases for imported and domestic bituminous coal, and to small increases in the vegetable products group. The non-metallic group advanced 1.9 points to 102.4 reflecting in addition to coal increases, seasonally higher prices for crushed stone, sand and gravel. Advances for certain grades of unmanufactured tobacco, rye, potatoes, green coffee beans, onions and lemons outweighed lower prices for flour and oranges, to advance the vegetable products group 0.1 to 94.9. For animal products a decline of 0.1 to 109.6 was due to a sharp drop in egg quotations, particularly in central and western Canadian centres. These outweighed a firmer tone for livestock, furs, fowl and butter. A minor decline in inorganic chemicals was responsible for a drop of 0.1 to 100.2 for chemicals and allied products. The advance in the general level of wholesale prices has amounted to 5.7 p.c. over the past twelve months, while the wartime increase has been 41.8 p.c.

Canadian farm product prices rose to 104.6 in December for a gain of 0.4 points. Higher quotations for rye, tobacco, potatoes and onions lifted field products 0.4 to 91.7, while another gain of 0.4 for animal products to 126.1, reflected upturns for livestock and fowl. These outweighed weakness in eggs. The December, 1942 - December, 1943 composite index rise amounted to 20.1 p.c. which compared with an August 1939 - December 1943 increase of 79.1 p.c; this latter increase was accentuated by the very low levels for grains obtaining in August 1939. If this comparison were based on July 1939 price levels, the wartime rise would approximate 66 p.c.

On the base 1926=100, the composite index for 30 industrial materials moved 0.2 points higher to 99.4 in December. Foods were mainly responsible for the gain, higher prices for steers and hogs advancing this series 1.0 to 101.6. The stable series of 12 commodities moved up 0.3 to 120.0 on an increase in imported American bituminous coal, while the manufacturing materials sub-group weakened 0.1 to 82.8 due to small declines in rosin and cottonseed oil. The twelve month increase in the composite index amounted to 4.5 p.c. while the August 1939 - December 1943 comparison indicated a net gain of 52.2 p.c.

COST OF LIVING: (Wartime increase 18.4 per cent - from 100.8 to 119.3). The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index declined from 119.4 on November 1 to 119.3 on December 1, 1943. Decreases in indexes for foods and fuel and lighting overbalanced a rise in homefurnishings and miscellaneous items. The food index dropped from 133.1 to 132.7 with declines for beef, pork, oranges, turnips and cabbage of greater importance than increases for butter, eggs and potatoes. The reduction in the fuel and lighting index from 113.3 to 111.9 was due to rebates in electricity bills in a considerable number of the larger cities. An index for homefurnishings and services advanced from 118.2 to 118.8 due to increases in the furniture and chinaware sections. The miscellaneous index moved up from 108.3 to 108.6, reflecting an increase in the recreation sub-group.

SECURITIES: Security prices pursued an indefinite trend in December following the sharp set-back in the preceding month. Highest prices generally were recorded at mid-month, with closing quotations, averaging slightly above final November levels.

The Investors' monthly index for 94 common stocks advanced 1.1 p.c. to 80.5 in December, while the increase over December, 1942 amounted to 12.9 p.c. Utilities recorded a 2.7 p.c. advance to 96.6 for the month, and 15.3 p.c. since December 1942, while 68 industrials showed an upward change of 0.9 p.c. and 12.8 p.c. for the same periods. The following statement gives the more important sub-group changes between November and December 1943:

Sub-Group	Percentage Change	Sub-Group	Percentage Change
Transportation	+ 8.8	Foods	- 2.9
Pulp and Paper	+ 6.4	Building Materials ...	- 1.4
Industrial Mines	+ 2.7	Banks	- 1.3
Beverages	+ 2.6	Milling	- 1.0
Machinery and Equipment	+ 2.1		

Mining stocks were 2.7 p.c. higher at 74.9 in December which compared with a twelve month advance of 36.9 p.c. The gold series gained 3.9 p.c. and 53.2 p.c. in the same intervals to a December level of 68.5. Corresponding increases in the base metals sub-group were 0.9 p.c. and 16.3 p.c. respectively, with the December index being 86.5. The composite monthly index for 30 preferred stocks stiffened 0.4 p.c. to 115.8 in December; pulp and paper stocks advanced 3.9 p.c. and power shares 3.6 p.c. Compared with the December 1942 level this index has advanced 15.3 p.c. but has shown a decline of 2.0 p.c. from the 1943 peak of 118.2 in October. Small December declines were noted for machinery and equipment issues, down 1.4 p.c., and foods and beverages each 1.1 p.c. lower.

The yield of a Dominion of Canada theoretical 15-year bond, as computed by the Bank of Canada, remained at 3.00 during December, and the corresponding index, on the base 1935-39=100, stood at 97.3. An index of representative Province of Ontario bond yields, compiled from information furnished by Wood, Gundy and Company, Limited, declined from 83.8 for November to 81.8 for December. The yields decreased from 2.95 to 2.88.

WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES

(1926=100)

	Industrial Materials				Canadian Farm Products			
	Sept. 1943	Oct. 1943	Nov. 1943	Dec. 1943	Sept. 1943	Oct. 1943	Nov. 1943	Dec. 1943
1st week	98.8	99.1	99.3	99.3	96.4	103.6	104.2	104.6
2nd week	99.0	99.1	99.2	99.3	96.1	103.7	104.2	104.7
3rd week	99.1	99.1	99.2	99.3	97.1	103.7	104.3	104.8
4th week	99.3	99.2	99.2	99.4	98.9	103.8	104.5	104.9
5th week	99.2			99.4	103.0			104.3

SUMMARY TABLES OF CANADIAN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS
(1926=100)

	General Wholesale Price Index	Consumers' Goods	Producers' Goods	Building Materials	Raw and Partly Manufactured Goods	Fully and Chiefly Manufactured Goods
1913	64.0	62.0	67.7	67.0	63.8	64.8
1920	155.9	136.1	164.3	144.0	154.1	156.5
1929	95.6	94.7	96.1	99.0	97.5	93.0
1933	67.1	71.1	63.1	78.3	56.6	70.2
1939	75.4	75.9	70.4	89.7	67.4	75.3
1940	82.9	83.4	78.7	95.6	75.3	81.5
1941	90.0	91.1	83.6	107.3	81.8	88.8
1942	95.6	95.6	88.3	115.2	90.1	91.9
1939						
August	72.3	72.7	66.7	90.2	62.8	72.6
1943						
January	97.1	96.1	90.8	118.3	93.1	92.5
February	97.5	96.4	91.3	118.3	93.9	92.7
March	98.5	96.7	92.7	118.4	95.6	93.3
April	98.9	96.7	93.2	119.1	97.1	92.7
May	99.2	97.0	93.6	119.1	98.0	92.7
June	99.5	97.3	94.1	119.1	98.7	92.8
July	100.1	97.5	95.2	119.3	100.0	92.8
August	100.4	97.4	95.7	121.6	100.5	93.0
September	101.2	97.0	97.2	123.3	101.4	93.7
October	101.9	97.3	98.2	123.7	103.2	93.7
November	102.4	97.4	98.9	126.1	103.8	93.8
December	102.5	97.8	99.4	126.5	104.2	93.8

SUMMARY TABLES OF CANADIAN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS - Concl'd.

(1926=100)

	Canadian Farm Products			Industrial Materials	Eighteen Sensitive Materials	Twelve Stable Materials
	Field	Animal	Total			
1913	56.4	77.0	64.1	-	-	-
1920	166.5	150.8	160.6	-	-	-
1929	93.8	112.5	100.8	91.8	88.8	96.5
1933	45.8	59.7	51.0	54.1	43.7	75.0
1939	54.2	81.2	64.3	69.0	57.8	89.4
1940	56.0	85.8	67.1	79.0	66.8	101.7
1941	56.5	95.9	71.2	87.3	75.2	109.2
1942	66.5	109.2	82.5	94.2	83.1	113.7
1939						
August	48.2	75.4	58.4	65.3	52.8	88.4
1943						
January	70.6	116.2	87.7	96.1	84.9	115.6
February	71.6	116.8	88.5	96.3	85.3	115.6
March	75.4	117.6	91.2	96.6	85.8	115.6
April	76.8	118.2	92.3	96.7	85.7	116.0
May	77.4	118.7	92.8	97.0	85.8	116.6
June	79.4	119.4	94.4	97.5	86.2	116.6
July	82.6	119.4	96.4	97.8	86.5	117.1
August	84.9	118.6	97.5	98.7	87.0	119.1
September	86.1	117.6	97.9	98.7	87.1	119.1
October	90.8	125.0	103.6	99.1	87.5	119.4
November	91.3	125.7	104.2	99.2	87.5	119.7
December	91.7	126.1	104.6	99.4	87.7	120.0

COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION

(1926-100)

Note: Wholesale prices indexes appearing in this bulletin are subject to revision.

Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1942	Dec. 1942	Oct. 1943	Nov. 1943	Dec. 1943
Total Index	510	95.6	97.0	101.9	102.4	102.5
1. Vegetable Products	113	84.5	86.0	94.1	94.8	94.9
Fruits	14	107.9	126.4	114.8	115.1	113.5
Fresh	4	115.6	140.7	125.1	125.5	123.4
Dried	4	93.4	93.7	93.7	93.7	93.7
Canned	6	75.9	73.5	73.9	73.9	73.9
Grains	22	63.7	67.3	88.9	90.0	90.0
Flour and Milled Products	12	77.0	78.9	79.4	79.4	79.1
Bakery Products	2	86.8	86.8	86.8	86.8	86.8
Vegetable Oils	4	132.1	132.2	132.2	129.8	129.5
Rubber and Its Products	6	75.7	75.7	75.7	75.7	75.7
Sugar and Its Products and Glucose	8	121.3	121.4	121.5	121.5	121.5
Tea, Coffee, Cocoa and Spices	13	121.3	109.6	111.7	111.7	112.7
Vegetables	13	93.1	85.4	95.5	99.3	100.5
11. Animals and Their Products	74	101.1	105.0	109.6	109.7	109.6
Fishery Products	16	111.0	116.9	135.6	138.4	138.4
Furs	9	74.3	67.6	120.9	120.9	123.4
Hides and Skins	6	114.6	120.1	94.2	94.2	94.2
Leather, Unmanufactured	9	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9
Boots and Shoes	2	105.6	105.7	106.2	106.2	106.2
Live Stock	4	130.7	137.1	138.7	141.2	145.7
Meats and Poultry	8	106.1	108.2	113.2	111.3	111.7
Milk and Its Products	12	97.8	100.1	98.9	99.6	99.7
Fats	5	76.2	88.2	83.8	83.8	83.8
Eggs	3	87.7	108.1	115.7	117.1	111.3
111. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	61	92.0	91.9	91.9	91.9	91.9
Cotton Fabrics	19	82.6	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5
Knit Goods	3	100.5	98.9	98.9	98.9	98.9
Flax, Hemp and Jute Products	6	91.4	92.2	92.2	92.2	92.2
Rayon Fabrics	2	67.4	67.2	67.2	67.2	67.2
Rayon Yarns	2	49.1	49.0	49.0	49.0	49.0
Wool, Raw	3	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7
Wool Hosiery and Knit Goods	4	108.8	108.8	108.8	108.8	108.8
Wool Cloth	6	105.2	105.2	105.2	105.2	105.2
1V. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	50	101.8	103.1	113.9	115.8	115.8
Newsprint & Wrapping Paper	2	74.0	74.0	86.2	86.2	86.2
Lumber	34	133.0	136.7	152.4	158.1	158.1
Pulp	3	118.1	119.0	119.0	119.0	119.0
Furniture	10	104.7	104.7	104.7	104.7	104.7

COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION
(1926=100)

Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1942	Dec. 1942	Oct. 1943	Nov. 1943	Dec. 1943
V. Iron and Its Products	43	115.4	115.8	115.8	115.8	115.8
Pig Iron and Steel Billets	3	104.5	104.8	104.8	104.8	104.8
Rolling Mill Products	14	121.0	121.3	121.3	121.3	121.3
Hardware	16	93.9	93.9	93.9	93.9	93.9
Wire	3	103.4	105.5	105.5	105.5	105.5
Scrap	4	111.9	111.9	109.7	109.7	109.7
Vl. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	17	78.4	79.7	79.7	79.7	79.7
Brass and Copper Products	5	86.7	86.7	86.7	86.7	86.7
Lead and Its Products	2	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1
Tin Ingots	2	95.7	95.6	95.6	95.6	95.6
Zinc and Its Products	2	59.1	59.1	59.2	59.2	59.2
Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products (V and Vl above)	60	103.1	103.8	103.8	103.8	103.8
Vll. Non-metallic Minerals and Their Products	81	99.0	99.5	100.5	100.5	102.4
Clay and Allied Materials Products	10	97.6	101.3	102.4	102.4	102.4
Coal	13	113.0	113.8	117.2	117.2	121.6
Coke	4	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.7
Manufactured Gas	3	103.5	103.5	103.5	103.5	103.5
Glass and Its Products	6	104.4	104.4	104.4	104.4	104.4
Petroleum Products	5	82.4	82.4	82.4	82.4	82.4
Asphalt	2	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3
Salt	4	130.6	130.6	130.6	130.6	130.6
Lime	4	112.2	112.2	112.2	112.2	112.2
Cement	1	106.5	106.5	106.5	106.5	106.5
Sand and Gravel	8	88.0	89.1	87.3	87.3	94.4
Crushed Stone	3	83.0	91.1	80.3	80.3	92.9
Building Stone	3	70.8	70.8	70.8	70.8	70.8
Asbestos	8	74.1	74.1	74.1	74.1	74.1
Vlll. Chemicals and Allied Products	71	102.7	100.9	100.3	100.3	100.2
Inorganic Chemicals	22	89.0	89.1	89.4	90.1	89.5
Organic Chemicals	5	87.6	87.6	87.6	87.6	87.6
Coal Tar Products	2	91.1	91.1	91.1	91.1	91.1
Dyeing and Tanning Materials	10	136.4	136.4	137.5	137.5	137.5
Explosives	2	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1
Paints, Prepared	1	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5
Drugs and Pharmaceutical Chemicals	8	175.1	167.7	162.6	162.6	162.6
Fertilizers	8	86.2	83.9	83.7	83.7	83.7
Industrial Gases	2	83.3	82.3	86.5	84.8	84.4

PURPOSE CLASSIFICATION

(1926=100)

Commodity	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1942	Dec. 1942	Oct. 1943	Nov. 1943	Dec. 1943
1. CONSUMERS' GOODS (Groups A and B)	207	95.6	96.5	97.3	97.4	97.8
A. Foods, Beverages and Tobacco	114	98.1	100.8	103.1	103.3	103.3
B. Other Consumers' Goods	93	94.0	93.6	93.4	93.4	94.1
11. PRODUCERS' GOODS (Groups C and D)	366	88.3	90.0	98.2	98.9	99.4
C. Producers' Equipment	24	109.4	110.1	114.2	114.3	117.5
D. Producers' Materials	342	86.0	87.8	96.4	97.2	97.4

ORIGIN CLASSIFICATION

Total Raw and Partly Manufactured	213	90.1	92.8	103.2	103.8	104.2
Farm Origin - Field	72	73.1	75.4	91.1	92.3	92.4
Farm Origin - Animal	36	102.9	107.5	113.9	112.4	112.3
Marine	7	98.6	101.8	125.9	134.0	134.0
Forest x	38	128.5	131.3	142.3	146.2	146.2
Mineral	60	94.8	95.6	96.9	96.9	98.7
Total Fully and Chiefly Manufactured	297	91.9	92.6	93.7	93.8	93.8
Farm Origin - Field	82	88.6	88.9	89.3	89.2	89.1
Farm Origin - Animal	52	94.3	95.9	93.6	93.9	93.9
Marine	9	118.3	127.0	139.8	139.8	139.8
Forest	20	77.6	77.6	88.0	88.0	88.0
Mineral	134	101.0	101.3	101.3	101.3	101.4

x - Includes both domestic and export prices.

WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES.

(All prices given in Canadian Funds)

Commodity		Yearly Average 1942	Dec. 1942	Oct. 1943	Nov. 1943	Dec. 1943
		$	$	$	$	$
WHEAT, No.1 Man. Northern Ft.William and Pt.Arthur cash basis	bu.	.835	.904	1.241	1.250	1.250
OATS, No. 2 C. W. Ft.William and Pt.Arthur cash basis	bu.	.491	.454	.515	.515	.515
FLOUR, First Patent, 2-98's Cotton Bags, Toronto		5.050	5.050	5.050	5.050	4.900
SUGAR, Granulated, Montreal	cwt.	6.893	6.893	6.893	6.893	6.893
LINSEED OIL, Raw, Montreal	gal.	.896	.900	.870	.870	.870
STEERS, good up to 1,050 lbs.Toronto	cwt.	10.408	10.890	11.060	11.190	11.680
HOGS, Bl, Dressed, Toronto	cwt.	15.726	16.630	16.750	16.920	17.100
PACKER HIDES, Native Steers, Toronto	lb.	.150	.150	.150	.150	.150
LEATHER, Packer crops, No.1 and 11 f.o.b. Distributing points	lb.	.480	.480	.480	.480	.480
BOX SIDES, D. ~~f.o.b. Ont. Factory~~	ft.	.240	.240	.240	.240	.240
BUTTER, Creamery prints, first grade Montreal	lb.	.365	.379	.361	.367	.367
EGGS, Grade "A" large, Montreal	doz.	.406	.499	.515	.515	.495
COTTON YARNS, 10's white single Hosiery cops, Mill	lb.	.303	.293	.293	.293	.293
WOOL, Eastern bright ¼ blood Domestic, f.o.b. Ontario	lb.	.310	.310	.310	.310	.310
WOOL, western range, semi-bright ½ blood, domestic, f.o.b.Ontario	lb.	.260	.260	.260	.260	.260
PULP, groundwood, No.1, delivered, Eastern Continental Divide	ton	50.235	50.600	50.600	50.600	50.600
STEEL, Marchant bars, mild, Mill	cwt.	2.754	2.754	2.754	2.754	2.754
PIG IRON, Foundry No.1, F.O.B. plant,	gross ton	25.500	25.500	25.500	25.500	25.500
COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic, Montreal	cwt.	11.500	11.500	11.500	11.500	11.500
LEAD, domestic, f.o.b. carlots, Montreal	cwt.	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000
TIN INGOTS, Straits, f.o.b. Toronto	lb.	.620	.620	.620	.620	.620
ZINC, domestic, f.o.b. carlots, Montreal	cwt.	5.150	5.150	5.150	5.150	5.150
ZINC, domestic, electrolytic f.o.b. Montreal, carlots	cwt.	Not available		5.75	5.75	5.75
COAL, Anthracite, Toronto f.o.b. carlots	ton	12.540	12.553	12.360	12.360	12.360
COAL, Bituminous, N.S. run-of-mine	ton	5.700	5.700	5.700	5.700	5.700
GASOLENE, Standard, Toronto Federal tax included	gal.	.205	.205	.205	.205	.205
SULPHURIC ACID, 66° Baume, f.o.b. works	net ton	18.000	18.000	18.000	18.000	18.000

PRICE INDEX NUMBER SYNOPSIS

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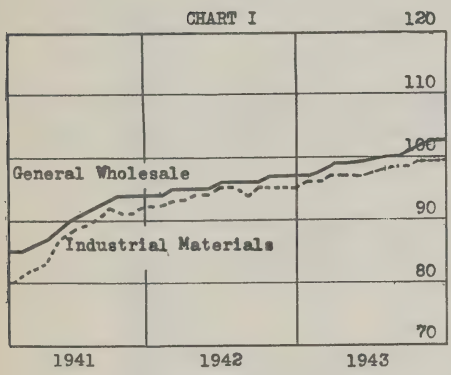

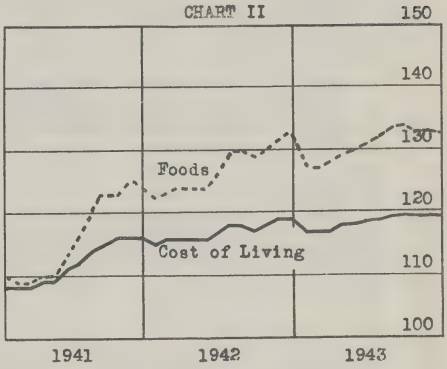

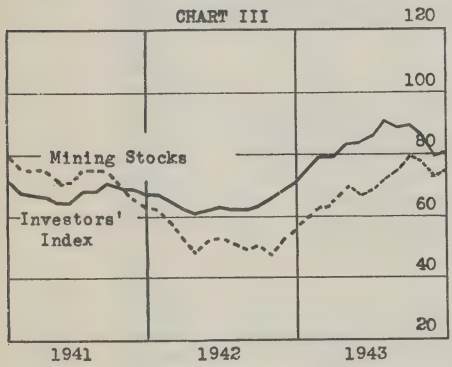

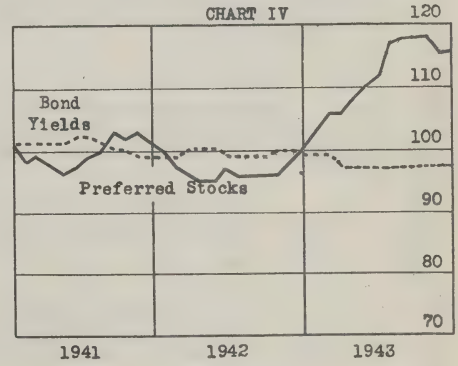

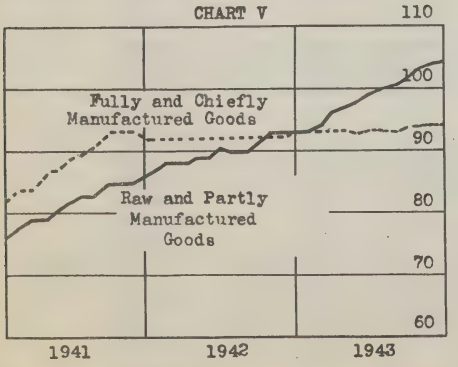

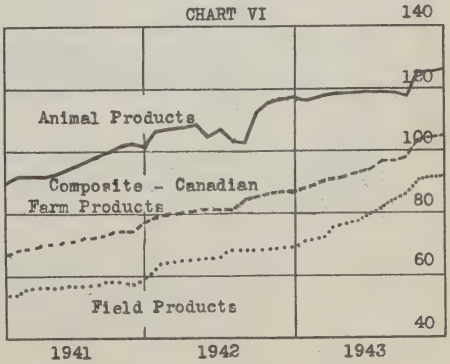

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS IN CANADA, 1939 - December 1, 1943.

(1935-39=100)

	Percentage Increase Since August 1, 1939	Total Index	Food Index	Rent Index	Fuel and Lighting Index	Clothing Index	Home Furnishings and Services Index	Miscellaneous Index	Retail Prices Index (Commodities only)
1939	0.7	101.5	100.6	103.8	101.2	100.7	101.4	101.4	101.0
1940	4.8	105.6	105.6	106.3	107.1	109.2	107.2	102.3	106.6
1941	10.8	111.7	116.1	109.4	110.3	116.1	113.8	105.1	114.9
1942	16.1	117.0	127.2	111.3	112.8	120.0	117.9	107.1	121.4
1939 - August 1 ..	-	100.8	99.3	103.8	99.0	100.1	100.9	101.3	100.0
1941 - October 1 .	14.6	115.5	123.2	111.2	112.1	119.6	117.3	106.5	120.1
November 1.	15.4	116.3	125.4	111.2	112.7	120.0	117.9	106.7	121.4
December 1.	14.9	115.8	123.8	111.2	112.7	119.9	117.9	106.7	120.6
1942 -+October 1..	16.9	117.8	129.8	111.3	112.8	120.1	117.8	107.1	123.7
November 2.	17.7	118.6	132.4	111.3	112.8	120.1	117.8	107.1	125.0
December 1.	17.9	118.8	132.8	111.3	112.8	120.2	117.8	107.2	125.2
1943 - January 2..	16.2	117.1	127.3	111.3	112.8	120.2	117.8	107.5	122.5
February 1.	16.0	116.9	126.7	111.3	112.7	120.1	117.8	107.5	122.2
March 1 ...	16.3	117.2	127.7	111.3	112.7	120.1	117.8	107.5	122.7
April 1 ...	16.7	117.6	128.7	111.3	112.7	120.2	117.8	107.7	123.2
May 1	17.2	118.1	129.9	111.5	112.7	120.2	117.8	108.0	124.0
June 1	17.6	118.5	130.9	111.5	113.0	120.4	117.8	108.2	124.5
July 2	17.9	118.8	131.8	111.5	113.4	120.5	117.8	108.2	125.1
August 2 ..	18.3	119.2	133.2	111.5	113.4	120.6	117.9	108.2	125.8
September 1.	18.5	119.4	133.5	111.5	113.4	120.6	118.2	108.3	126.0
October 1 .	18.4	119.3	132.9	111.9	113.3	121.1	118.2	108.3	125.8
November 1.	18.5	119.4	133.1	111.9	113.3	121.1	118.2	108.3	125.9
December 1.	18.4	119.3	132.7	111.9	111.9	121.1	118.8	108.6	125.9

+ Since June 24, 1942, additional taxes on tobacco products have not been reflected in the above indexes originally established for cost-of-living bonus calculations. The December, 1943 index inclusive of all such additional taxes is 120.3.

INDEX NUMBERS OF TOTAL LIVING COSTS AND FOOD PRICES IN EIGHT REGIONAL CITIES

(August 1939=100)

	Halifax	Saint John	Montreal	Toronto	Winnipeg	Saskatoon	Edmonton	Vancouver
GENERAL COST OF LIVING								
1940 - August 1	107.5	105.4	107.0	104.2	104.6	105.3	103.7	103.7
October 1	107.0	107.0	108.3	105.1	105.2	106.9	104.2	104.0
December 2	108.0	108.7	109.4	105.8	106.3	108.6	105.6	105.3
1941 - February 1	107.9	108.3	109.8	106.0	106.0	108.7	105.5	106.1
April 1	107.8	108.2	109.9	106.3	106.2	109.0	105.5	106.5
June 2	108.8	108.8	111.9	108.7	107.8	110.3	107.0	107.5
August 1	111.6	112.2	115.1	111.7	110.3	113.1	109.8	110.4
October 1	112.7	113.2	116.3	114.0	112.2	115.7	111.4	112.3
November 1	113.7	114.6	117.2	115.0	113.1	116.4	111.6	112.9
December 1	113.1	114.5	116.8	114.5	113.1	116.4	111.4	112.4
1942 - February 2	113.5	115.2	117.1	114.5	112.4	115.7	110.9	112.1
April 1	113.5	115.1	117.4	114.7	112.6	116.1	111.1	112.2
June 1	114.0	115.4	118.2	115.5	113.1	116.2	112.0	113.1
August 1	115.8	117.2	118.7	116.2	115.0	117.5	114.1	115.0
October 1	115.5	116.6	119.4	116.3	114.5	117.0	113.6	115.4
December 1	116.2	117.3	120.3	116.8	115.6	118.5	115.0	113.8
1943 - February 1	114.7	115.9	118.8	115.3	114.1	116.7	113.5	114.7
April 1	115.7	116.7	119.0	115.4	114.7	117.4	114.1	116.7
June 1	117.1	117.8	120.6	116.3	115.1	117.8	115.2	116.9
August 2	118.7	119.0	121.3	117.3	115.6	118.9	116.0	117.7
October 1	118.2	118.4	121.5	117.5	115.4	119.0	115.9	117.7
December 1	118.1	118.5	121.4	117.4	115.4	119.5	116.0	117.5
F O O D S								
1940 - August 1	112.3	108.4	105.5	104.5	107.9	106.1	104.6	105.8
October 1	112.0	107.9	107.3	105.9	107.0	106.6	105.2	105.6
December 2	115.2	112.5	110.6	107.6	110.3	112.1	109.9	109.0
1941 - February 1	114.4	110.5	111.1	108.0	109.0	111.5	108.2	110.9
April 1	114.0	110.3	111.5	108.8	109.9	112.5	108.1	112.0
June 2	115.2	110.8	115.4	111.3	112.0	111.5	110.6	112.7
August 1	124.6	119.4	124.4	119.6	119.5	120.2	118.9	120.4
October 1	124.7	119.4	125.9	122.3	121.6	126.1	121.8	124.0
November 1	128.1	122.7	127.9	125.5	123.9	127.0	121.9	125.6
December 1	126.4	122.5	126.5	123.5	124.1	127.1	121.1	124.1
1942 - February 2	127.3	124.1	127.1	123.2	121.7	124.9	119.4	122.8
April 1	127.3	123.9	128.0	123.9	122.4	126.2	119.7	123.3
June 1	129.0	124.9	130.7	126.7	124.1	126.5	123.0	126.0
August 1	135.1	130.1	132.3	129.0	129.9	130.7	130.2	131.9
October 1	133.5	128.3	134.0	129.5	128.5	129.1	128.2	133.1
December 1	136.2	130.5	136.9	131.3	132.0	134.3	133.2	137.5
1943 - February 1	130.8	124.6	132.0	126.1	126.8	127.8	126.2	129.4
April 1	132.7	127.0	132.6	126.2	129.0	129.9	128.2	135.8
June 1	136.3	130.1	137.3	128.3	129.7	131.2	131.6	134.7
August 2	141.3	133.7	139.5	131.2	131.2	134.6	134.1	137.2
October 1	139.6	131.9	139.6	130.2	130.5	135.1	133.5	135.9
December 1	138.9	132.4	139.2	129.8	130.4	136.4	133.8	135.5

INVESTORS' MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCKS

(1935-39=100)

Number of Securities 1943	GENERAL: Total 94	GENERAL: Total 68	INDUSTRIALS: Machinery and Equipment 8	INDUSTRIALS: Pulp and Paper 7	INDUSTRIALS: Milling 3	INDUSTRIALS: Oils 4	INDUSTRIALS: Textiles and Clothing 10	INDUSTRIALS: Food and Allied Products 12
1941 - June	64.0	60.3	72.0	59.5	67.5	48.0	101.1	90.1
July	67.5	64.0	76.3	66.1	67.5	48.4	105.7	90.5
August ..	67.8	64.4	76.8	70.2	72.4	49.1	106.3	91.8
September	71.0	67.5	80.5	78.5	75.1	51.3	108.4	93.3
October .	69.1	65.5	78.3	75.5	74.5	51.2	105.7	91.9
November.	68.8	65.3	78.2	76.4	74.9	52.9	110.0	91.0
December.	67.2	63.9	75.5	72.9	72.2	49.0	110.4	91.4
1942 - January .	66.8	62.9	74.3	71.9	74.5	45.9	112.8	88.7
February.	64.7	60.8	73.4	69.3	69.7	43.6	108.7	85.5
March ...	62.3	57.8	69.7	66.1	70.9	41.2	104.3	75.8
April ...	61.1	56.6	70.6	63.2	69.6	41.4	102.4	74.2
May	62.0	57.9	74.7	61.1	70.5	43.2	104.3	73.5
June	62.8	58.4	76.2	61.1	69.6	44.5	106.6	75.9
July	62.4	58.6	76.6	58.9	65.3	46.6	100.4	75.9
August ..	61.6	58.5	76.0	56.0	61.2	47.5	97.7	75.3
September	62.6	59.8	77.9	55.9	62.0	49.0	99.8	74.2
October .	65.0	62.2	80.3	57.8	64.9	51.0	99.6	74.0
November.	67.6	64.1	82.5	62.6	72.3	53.7	101.6	77.1
December.	71.3	67.2	86.0	71.2	81.9	57.9	109.3	82.5
1943 - January .	76.3	72.1	90.3	75.3	82.4	62.9	114.3	88.2
February.	78.7	75.6	94.0	75.8	88.3	67.2	117.4	88.1
March ...	79.1	75.0	96.7	77.1	89.5	65.6	118.1	81.6
April ...	82.6	77.4	100.8	79.6	93.3	67.7	121.1	87.4
May	83.7	77.6	104.0	89.3	91.6	67.9	119.9	88.7
June	86.3	79.8	108.6	94.7	96.0	73.2	124.0	89.4
July	91.0	85.7	110.5	106.8	94.1	84.9	126.0	91.5
August ..	88.9	83.6	109.4	104.8	92.2	82.1	125.9	93.4
September	89.3	83.9	111.4	104.7	91.9	83.5	126.1	93.4
October .	86.4	81.6	110.8	103.0	88.2	81.0	124.8	93.6
November.	79.6	75.1	103.8	96.5	89.6	74.4	120.3	90.7
December.	80.5	75.8	106.0	102.7	88.7	74.7	119.3	88.1

INVESTORS' MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCKS - Concl'd.

(1935-39=100)

Number of Securities 1943	INDUSRIALS - Concl'd				UTILITIES				BANKS
	Beverages 7	Building Materials 15	Industrial Mines 2	Total 18	Transportation 2	Telephone Telegraph 2	Power and Traction 14	Total 8
1941 - June	87.3	74.9	64.2	67.1	58.3	92.0	62.0	89.0
July	94.3	77.8	72.3	70.6	65.8	93.0	65.3	89.7
August	95.7	79.7	71.5	71.2	70.0	94.6	64.4	89.7
September	102.4	82.4	75.8	74.7	70.3	98.6	68.8	91.2
October	98.7	78.9	71.7	72.5	65.7	96.8	67.2	90.8
November	102.6	77.8	68.9	71.1	65.2	95.3	65.5	91.7
December	104.8	75.5	69.7	68.7	60.4	95.9	63.0	90.5
1942 - January	99.2	75.1	71.9	70.4	64.5	95.5	64.4	91.1
February	96.3	73.9	70.1	67.7	60.5	93.5	62.1	91.1
March	92.8	74.0	67.3	67.5	59.4	93.5	62.0	89.4
April	93.1	73.9	64.2	66.3	60.6	91.9	60.2	88.4
May	94.2	75.7	65.2	66.4	59.6	92.0	60.7	87.4
June	93.6	76.8	64.9	68.1	56.6	92.3	64.3	87.7
July	95.5	75.3	62.7	67.8	58.4	86.5	65.2	81.7
August	98.3	73.1	61.9	67.8	58.8	80.8	66.9	71.9
September	98.7	71.2	64.1	69.2	62.5	83.4	67.1	69.0
October	98.9	70.8	68.4	72.0	73.4	83.9	67.9	70.3
November	105.5	74.9	68.0	77.6	85.7	87.1	72.1	72.3
December	107.3	79.6	69.1	83.8	88.2	89.8	80.7	74.4
1943 - January	109.7	84.0	74.3	90.0	92.1	93.3	88.5	76.7
February	111.8	85.0	78.6	88.0	84.7	92.2	88.0	78.6
March	113.9	85.3	79.6	92.1	102.1	93.7	88.6	80.2
April	128.2	89.5	79.7	101.4	123.3	96.8	95.8	80.9
May	128.1	91.4	79.2	106.2	133.4	95.0	101.0	80.5
June	133.5	93.1	77.3	111.1	126.3	96.6	111.1	81.4
July	137.9	94.5	78.7	112.4	130.5	98.1	111.3	81.7
August	138.0	93.3	76.1	109.5	121.0	100.1	109.0	82.7
September	138.5	92.6	75.0	110.3	118.7	100.7	110.8	82.8
October	143.9	90.8	71.2	104.3	114.7	100.5	102.3	81.3
November	142.2	85.2	62.9	94.1	98.9	99.9	90.9	79.9
December	145.9	84.0	64.6	96.6	107.6	99.5	92.2	78.9

INDEX NUMBERS OF TWENTY-FIVE MINING STOCKS

(1935-39=100)

No. of Stocks 1943	Golds 22	Base Metals 3	Total Index 25
1942 - September	38.4	72.1	49.7
October	33.3	71.8	46.2
November	40.7	73.2	51.6
December	44.7	74.4	54.7
1943 - January	50.1	79.4	60.0
February	52.0	80.3	61.5
March	55.6	83.4	65.0
April	59.0	87.0	68.6
May	56.6	87.0	66.9
June	59.1	86.3	68.4
July	62.8	88.2	71.5
August	66.4	91.5	75.1
September	71.9	92.4	79.2
October	68.5	93.5	77.2
November	65.9	85.7	72.9
December	68.5	86.5	74.9
Weekly Index Numbers			
Week ending November 4th.	68.3	90.1	76.0
" " " 11th.	66.9	85.7	73.6
" " " 18th.	64.4	83.7	71.2
" " " 25th.	65.2	83.4	71.7
" " December 2nd.	64.8	85.5	72.0
" " " 9th.	67.5	86.5	74.2
" " " 16th.	68.5	87.0	75.1
" " " 23rd.	69.3	85.8	75.3
" " " 30th.	68.5	86.6	74.9
1944 - " " January 6th.	71.3	89.2	77.8

MONTHLY INDEXES OF AMERICAN STOCK PRICES, 1942 - 1943

(Issued by Standard and Poor's Trade Securities)

(1935-39=100)

	Composite	Industrials	Railroads	Utilities
1942 - December	75.9	78.5	69.3	65.2
1943 - January	79.7	82.3	73.7	69.3
February	84.8	87.7	77.5	73.3
March	88.2	90.8	86.4	76.2
April	91.3	93.7	92.8	79.1
May	95.2	97.2	97.5	84.0
June	96.7	99.3	94.3	84.7
July	98.5	100.9	96.6	87.7
August	94.4	96.3	90.5	85.9
September	95.6	97.5	91.3	87.3
October	94.8	96.6	92.0	86.8
November	91.4	93.0	86.5	85.1

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MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELDS, - 1937-1943

(1935-1939=100)

	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
January ..	95.2	102.2	97.3	109.3	100.6	99.4	98.8
February .	100.1	100.8	97.2	107.2	100.8	99.3	98.5
March	106.4	100.3	95.4	107.9	100.5	99.6	97.6
April	107.2	97.4	96.3	105.5	100.6	99.6	97.3
May	106.4	96.2	97.8	104.5	101.1	99.5	97.3
June	105.6	98.0	95.7	107.8	101.9	98.8	97.3
July	104.4	98.7	96.0	107.0	101.5	98.7	97.3
August ...	102.9	98.8	98.6	104.3	101.2	99.0	97.3
September.	103.2	101.9	117.0	103.1	100.3	99.4	97.3
October ..	106.2	99.3	111.9	102.6	100.2	99.6	97.3
November .	105.7	97.4	108.4	101.9	99.1	99.6	97.3
December..	102.9	97.2	110.5	101.0	99.3	99.4	97.3

WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BONDS, 1943.

(1935-39=100)

	Yields		Yields		Yields
Oct. 6	97.3	Nov. 3	97.3	Dec. 1	97.3
" 13	97.3	" 10	97.3	" 8	97.3
" 20	97.3	" 17	97.3	" 15	97.3
" 27	97.3	" 24	97.3	" 22	97.3
				" 29	97.3

INDEX NUMBERS OF 30 PREFERRED STOCK PRICES, 1936-1943.

(1935-1939=100)

1936 ...	90.3	93.1	92.0	91.7	90.0	91.9	95.9	97.2	101.1	104.7	109.9	113.3
1937 ...	119.7	121.1	123.8	124.4	120.9	119.8	119.9	122.4	109.8	99.2	98.9	97.7
1938 ...	100.6	99.0	93.5	94.3	96.6	98.7	105.2	104.7	98.1	106.2	105.5	104.8
1939 ...	102.5	101.8	101.2	95.2	95.3	98.8	100.1	97.7	100.5	107.4	108.7	110.1
1940 ...	110.7	109.7	108.8	108.9	96.7	86.9	89.0	93.9	99.1	100.7	103.0	101.7
1941 ...	101.4	97.6	98.7	97.9	96.3	96.8	98.5	100.0	103.2	102.2	102.6	100.7
1942 ...	99.6	96.8	95.6	94.5	95.4	96.5	95.7	95.8	95.6	96.2	97.5	100.4
1943 ...	102.7	105.5	106.4	108.2	110.1	113.3	117.3	117.8	118.0	118.2	115.3	115.8